

**HB140** ROAD DESIGNATION-DANNY RAYMOND KING (Rep. Doug Green) To designate a portion of State Route 32 in Brown and Highland Counties as the "Army Specialist Danny Raymond King Memorial Highway."

**HB150** LICENSE PLATE CREATION (Rep. Bill Patmon) To create a special license plate for hearing-impaired individuals.

#### **PASSED BY HOUSE**

**HB44** DAY DESIGNATION-FIRST RESPONDERS (Rep. Bill Patmon) To designate May 24 as First Responders' Appreciation Day.  
*Vote 97-0*

**HB84** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO BOATING (Rep. Steve Arndt) To designate June as "Ohio Goes Boating Month."  
*Vote 97-0*

**HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision.  
*Vote 96-1*

#### **CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**HB26** TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET (Rep. Robert McColley) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.

*House Accepts Conference Committee Report, Vote 81-16*

#### **ADOPTED BY HOUSE**

**HR45** TRAVEL ALLOWANCE (Rep. Cliff Rosenberger, Rep. Fred Strahorn) Relative to travel allowance.  
*Vote 97-0*

The House adjourned until Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 11 a.m. (Voting Session)

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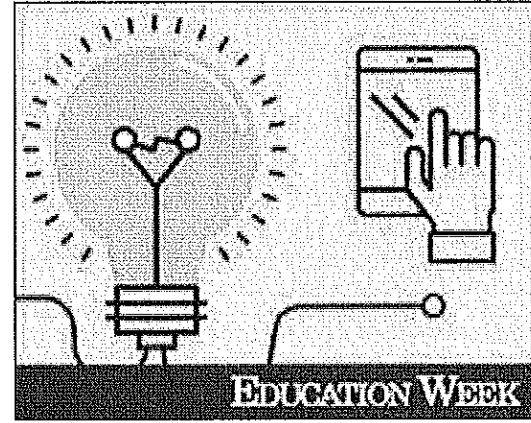
## EDWEEK UPDATE

**SPECIAL REPORT**

### Open Educational Resources Movement Scales Up

More OER providers are working to provide full, coherent curricula for schools, rather than just free lessons or teaching units. [Read more](#).

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### Embracing Learner Variability in Schools

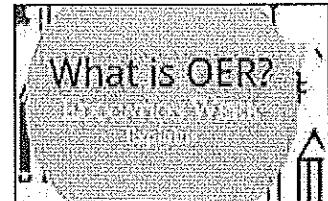
In this Digital Promise Research@Work video, learning scientist David Rose shares his vision for "de-standardizing" education: helping students become expert learners by providing supports and structures that are tailored to their individual needs and abilities. [Watch Now!](#)

SPECIAL REPORT

## What Is OER? 5 Questions About Open Educational Resources

Here are answers to your most basic questions about OER, the movement to share curricula and teaching resources online. [Read more.](#)

(Education Week)



## Teachers Skeptical About ESSA, Want More Voice in Policy Development

A national survey found that most teachers don't think state education agencies have sought enough input from teachers in developing their state ESSA plans. [Read more.](#)

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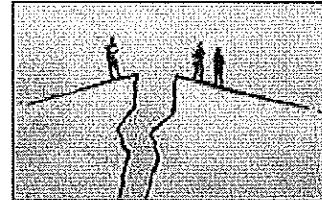


Debbie Diller's [Growing Independent Learners](#) is a comprehensive guide to K-3 literacy instruction, helping teachers plan standards-focused lessons and work stations, organize the classroom for independence, and use anchor charts to make big ideas stick. Includes over 400 full-color photos. [Click here for details!](#)

COMMENTARY

## Charter Leader: Why I'm Worried About the Future of Charter Schools

The charter movement is at an inflection point, writes Greg Richmond, the CEO of the National Association of Charter School Authorizers. [Read more.](#) (*Education Week*)



## DeVos Compares School Choice Fight to Uber vs. Taxis; Decries State of Test Scores

At the Brookings Institution, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos discussed school choice, student performance on national and international exams, states' ESSA plans, and more. [Read more.](#) (*Politics K-12*)

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## New Rankings Are Out on Charter School Laws. How Do States Use Them?

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## School Leaders to Congress: Protect Principals From Trump Budget Cuts

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## Florida Bill Could End Most Teachers' Union Collective Bargaining

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## Engineering Making Headway in Schools, Analysis Shows

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House Journal Summary  
FORTY-FIRST DAY  
(Nonvoting Session)  
May 1, 2017

**INTRODUCED**

**HB192** VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSIONERS (Rep. Adam Miller, Rep. Marlene Anielski) To permit county veterans service commissions to elect to add two members to the commission, one who is a veteran who served in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, or subsequently in those theaters of operation, and one who is a military spouse.

**HB193** DISCRIMINATION PROTECTION-FLU VACCINE (Rep. Christina Hagan) To prohibit an employer from taking an adverse employment action against a person who has not been or will not be vaccinated against influenza.

**HB194** LICENSE PLATE-MILITARY SERVICE (Rep. Terry Johnson, Rep. Hearcel Craig) To establish a program for the issuance of special license plates related to military service and awards.

**HB195** TRANSPORTING DISABLED PERSONS (Rep. Catherine Ingram, Rep. Bill Seitz) To modify the provisions concerning the transport of persons who require the use of a wheelchair or other mobility aid in nonemergency circumstances.

**HCR9** CLAUDIA HOERIG EXTRADITION (Rep. Glenn Holmes) To urge the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, and the Congress of the United States to compel Brazil to extradite Claudia Hoerig to stand trial for the aggravated murder of her husband, Major Karl Hoerig, and to request that the United States terminate foreign aid payments to Brazil if Claudia Hoerig is not extradited.

**HR74** ABOLISH CORPORATE PERSONHOOD (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Nickie Antonio) To call on legislators at the state and federal level and other communities and jurisdictions to support an amendment to the United States Constitution that would abolish corporate personhood and the doctrine of money as speech.

**HR85** FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OVERHAUL (Rep. Ron Young) To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEPA to begin new rulemaking procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to

respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to ECheck in Ohio.

**HR109** HONORING ASHLAND UNIVERSITY-WOMENS BASKETBALL (Rep. Darrell Kick) Honoring the Ashland University women's basketball team on winning the 2017 NCAA Division II Championship.

**HR110** HONORING CIRRUS ROBINSON-HIGH JUMP (Rep. Darrell Kick, Rep. Andrew Brenner) Honoring Cirrus Robinson as the 2017 NCAA Division III Indoor Champion in the high jump.

**HR111** HONORING ALPHA OMEGA-ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY (Rep. Stephanie Howse, Rep. Janine Boyd) Honoring the Alpha Omega Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, on its Centennial.

**HR112** HONORING NATE KEATON-WRESTLING (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Gary Scherer) Honoring Nate Keaton as a 2017 Division II State Wrestling Champion.

**HR113** HONORING HILAND HIGH SCHOOL-GIRLS BASKETBALL (Rep. Al Landis) Honoring the Hiland High School girls basketball team as the 2017 Division IV State Champion.

#### **REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

##### *AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:*

**HB175** LIVESTOCK ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (Rep. Tom Brinkman) To allow an owner of residential property to keep, harbor, breed, or maintain small livestock on the property, and to prohibit zoning authorities from regulating certain agricultural activities conducted on residential property for noncommercial purposes.

##### *ARMED SERVICES, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY:*

**HB158** UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION-MILITARY TRANSFERS (Rep. Rick Perales, Rep. Hearcel Craig) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits.

**HB183** AVIATION HALL OF FAME (Rep. Rick Perales) To establish the Governing Board of the Ohio Aviation Hall of Fame and Learning Center for purposes of establishing the Hall and inducting persons into it.

##### *CIVIL JUSTICE:*

**HB174** FRANKLIN COUNTY JUDGES (Rep. Jim Hughes, Rep. Laura Lanese) To add two judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas to be elected in 2018.

##### *COMMUNITY AND FAMILY ADVANCEMENT:*

**HB187** EMPLOYEE HIRING INFORMATION (Rep. Jonathan Dever) To regulate the collection, use, and retention of certain information obtained from an applicant during the employee selection process.

*ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMERCE AND LABOR:*

- HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects.
- HB164** ROOFING CONTRACTORS LICENSURE (Rep. Tom Patton) To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license.
- HB171** EMS WORK HOURS (Rep. Bill Patmon) To limit the hours worked in a work shift and to require work breaks for emergency medical service providers.

*EDUCATION AND CAREER READINESS:*

- HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation.
- HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations.
- HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments.

*FEDERALISM AND INTERSTATE RELATIONS:*

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*FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT:*

**HB182 DEBT ADJUSTMENT** (Rep. Bill Seitz) Regarding debt adjusting.

**GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT:**

**HB160 OHIO FAIRNESS ACT** (Rep. Nickie Antonio) To enact the Ohio Fairness Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation to the list of informal methods by which the Ohio Civil Rights Commission may use to induce compliance with Ohio's Civil Rights Law before instituting a formal hearing, and to uphold existing religious exemptions under Ohio's Civil Rights Law.

**HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE** (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency.

**HB180 EQUAL PAY ACT** (Rep. Kathleen Clyde, Rep. Stephanie Howse) To require a contractor or person submitting a bid or other proposal for a state contract or a business entity applying for a grant or other economic incentive from a state agency to obtain an equal pay certificate, to require state agencies and political subdivisions to establish a job evaluation system to identify and eliminate sex-based wage disparities among classes of employees, and to prohibit an employer from retaliating against an employee who discusses the employee's salary or wage rate with another employee.

**HB189 COSMETOLOGY LICENSING** (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Alicia Reece) To make changes to the Cosmetology Licensing Law.

**HEALTH :**

**HB165 MONTH DESIGNATION-CONGENITAL CYTOMEGALOVIRUS AWARENESS** (Rep. Anne Gonzales, Rep. Margaret Conditt) To designate May as "Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month."

**HB167 PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS-OPIOIDS** (Rep. Jay Edwards) Regarding addiction treatment and opioid prescribing by physicians and dentists.

**HB172 MEDICAL RECORD ACCESS** (Rep. Kirk Schuring) To modify the laws governing access to a patient's medical records.

**HB184 AUTHORIZE TELEDENTISTRY SERVICES** (Rep. Theresa Gavarone, Rep. Anthony DeVitis) To authorize the provision of dental services through teledentistry, to require a proposal for creation of a primary care dental student component of the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program, and to make other changes to the laws governing the practices of dentistry and dental hygiene.

**HB191 REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS** (Rep. Anne Gonzales) Regarding the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

**HIGHER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:**

**HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week.

*INSURANCE:*

**HB156** VISION INSURANCE LIMITATIONS (Rep. Kirk Schuring) Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on vision care services.

**HB161** WORKERS COMPENSATION-PTSD (Rep. Tom Patton) To make peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical workers diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder arising from employment without an accompanying physical injury eligible for compensation and benefits under Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law for up to one year and to prohibit such a person from receiving a disability benefit from a state retirement system for post-traumatic stress disorder arising from employment without an accompanying physical injury during the time period the person receives compensation and benefits under the Workers' Compensation Law for the disorder.

*PUBLIC UTILITIES:*

**HB178** ZERO-EMISSIONS NUCLEAR PROGRAM (Rep. Anthony DeVitis) Regarding the zero-emissions nuclear resource program.

*STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT:*

**HB157** FUNERAL SERVICES CHANGES (Rep. Tim Schaffer) To make changes to the law relating to embalming, funeral directing, and cremation.

**HB168** CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND REGISTRATION (Rep. Dick Stein) To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.

**HB169** VISION DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS (Rep. Derek Merrin) To require, with respect to insurance contracted for or provided by the Department of Administrative Services, an individual who is not covered by a collective bargaining agreement to pay the same percentage of the premium for vision, dental, or life insurance as the individual pays for health insurance.

*TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY:*

**HB159** MONTH DESIGNATION-DRIVE OHIO BYWAYS (Rep. Craig Riedel) To designate May as "Drive Ohio Byways Month."

**HB188** SPECIALTY KIT REAR LICENSE PLATE (Rep. Michael Henne) To authorize the owner or operator of a specialty kit car to display a license plate only on the rear of the car if the owner or operator pays a \$150 fee.

**HB190** RAILROAD CROSSING REQUIREMENTS (Rep. Michele Lepore-Hagan, Rep. Kirk Schuring) To require vehicle operators to watch, listen, and stop for on-track equipment that may be approaching a railroad crossing.

*WAYS AND MEANS:*

**HB155** VEHICLE TRAINING TAX CREDIT (Rep. Robert Sprague, Rep. Stephanie Howse) To authorize a tax credit for expenses incurred by an employer to train a commercial vehicle operator.

**HB162** TAX CREDIT-SOUND RECORDING (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To authorize a refundable income tax credit for individual

investors in a sound recording production company equal to a portion of the company's costs for a recording production or recording infrastructure project in Ohio.

**HB173** IN-HOME EMPLOYEES TAX CREDIT (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Tom Patton) To provide that compensation paid to certain home-based employees may be counted for purposes of an employer qualifying for and complying with the terms of a Job Creation Tax Credit.

**HB177** TAX EXEMPTION-COMMUNITY GYMS (Rep. Thomas West) To exempt memberships to gyms or other recreational facilities operated by charitable organizations from sales and use taxation.

**HB185** POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TAX CREDIT (Rep. Steve Hambley) To expand the scope of political contributions that qualify for the income tax credit for contributions to political campaigns to candidates for any state, county, municipal, or district office.

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses.

The House adjourned until Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 11 a.m. (Voting Session)

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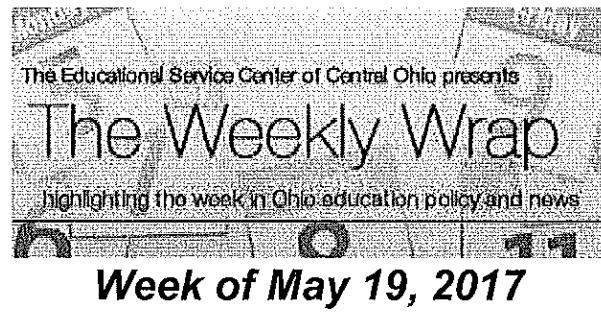
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## FEATURED ITEMS

**TEACHER PREP PROGRAMS RANKED** – *The National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) released its latest rankings of the top undergraduate secondary teacher preparation programs, naming 16 programs nationally as top tier including Ohio Wesleyan University. The report examined programs and policies in three key areas - knowledge, practice and admissions. The program grades were based on a library of materials including course catalogues, degree plans, syllabi, observation forms, and student teaching agreements with districts. The NCTQ partnered on a related report authored by The Center on Great Teachers & Leaders at American Institutes for Research (AIR) summarizing findings from a 2016 survey of National Board Certified Teachers. Report findings included: at the preservice stage, respondents ranked a high-quality, final clinical practicum, or student teaching, as by far the most important experience; for novice teachers, the study confirmed that an effective school principal and mentors (both assigned and informal) were most important; at the career stage, National Board Certification and other ongoing formal education were seen as the most important experiences; and at the teacher leader stage, those surveyed thought serving as a mentor or coach was most important for helping them continue to improve their practice.*

**Only 16 Teacher Prep Programs Ranked as ‘Top Tier’ in New Report – THE Journal**

- The complete list is only 16 schools long out of a possible 717 undergraduate programs that prepare secondary teachers. Half of the programs recognized by NCTQ are public, half are private

**Landscapes in Teacher Prep: Undergraduate Secondary – National Council on Teacher Quality**

- Contrary to some expectations, today's top-ranked teacher prep programs are not located on the most elite — and expensive — campuses; rather, some of the best programs are found in relatively small, not widely known colleges and universities
- Ohio Wesleyan University was named a Top Tier program

**Investing in What It Takes to Move from Good to Great – Center on Great Teachers & Leaders at AIR**

- This report (the third in the study series) summarizes the findings from a 2016 survey of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) and builds on the results of a similar survey of State and National Teachers of the Year in 2013–2014. What we found largely confirmed the findings across the career continuum in the earlier, smaller-scale survey

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## **OHIO**

***Central Ohio Schools***

**Some School Districts Tail Parents to Check Where Family Actually Lives – Columbus Dispatch**

- Fake addresses, leased apartments that go unused, long-distance commutes to drop kids off at school bus stops: Some parents go to great lengths to enroll their children in a desirable school district, or to keep them there once they have to move away

**Educators Still Testing Waters on ESSA – This Week**

- Local educators and parents have until September to weigh in on aspects of the state's plan to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act after a draft released in February by the Ohio Department of Education was not well received

### **BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS**

**BW Facilities Committee at Board Meeting; Will Recommend Nov. 7 Ballot Issue – Sunbury News**

- Pollock said the Facility Committee recommendation would be based on community feedback from the school district's recent questionnaire about the need for a ballot issue to accommodate escalating student population numbers

### **CHILlicothe CITY SCHOOLS**

**Project Aims to Inspire Future Grads – Chillicothe Gazette**

- That is the point of Project Graduation, an idea that Chillicothe High School Principal Jeff Fisher said came from graduating senior Megan Coats who had seen a post on social media of the activity being done elsewhere

## **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **City School Board Approves \$343,000 for New West High Cupola – Columbus Dispatch**

- The Board of Education found \$343,000 to replace the cupola, saying it was an important Hilltop symbol

### **Columbus Alternative Receives Magazine's Silver Medal – This Week**

- U.S. News and World Report, in its annual ranking of high schools across the country, ranked Columbus Alternative No. 49 in Ohio, earning the school at 2632 McGuffey Road a silver medal

## **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Coffman Upgrades for Library Put on Hold – This Week**

- Improvements to update Dublin Coffman High School's library that were slated to begin this summer have been postponed

## **FAIRBANKS LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Fairbanks Eyeing Companies to Provide Drug Testing – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- Fairbanks School District plans to vote on the next company to perform drug testing for Fairbanks High School's athletes

## **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Leaving GMHS Seems 'Bittersweet' to Thomas – This Week**

- Groveport Madison High School Principal Aric Thomas said he has "mixed emotions" about leaving his post to take a job as principal at Worthington Kilbourne High School

### **Groveport Madison Schools' Financial Outlook Is Positive – Columbus Messenger**

- Groveport Madison Schools' finances are in good shape

## **HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Change in Education Is Not Easy, But Necessary – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection**

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that education is shifting, and schools must provide a different type of instruction to this generation. It isn't easy

## MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

### Convincing Students to TRI = 2 Marysville Journal-Tribune

- Marysville= 2s planned academy seeks to engage the credit deficient. High school teachers are specialists in the subjects they teach

## NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

### District Sees Tax-Sharing Shortfalls – This Week

- Financial struggles by some companies in the New Albany International Business Park are causing the New Albany-Plain Local School District to bring in less revenue from income-tax-sharing agreements than originally anticipated, according to a recent district financial report

## OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Liberty's Griffiths Will Take Reins at Olentangy High School – This Week

- One of Olentangy Liberty High School's assistant principals is expected to take the top job at Olentangy High School in the summer

### As Olentangy Evolves, Learning Remains at Forefront – This Week District Notebook

- Mark Raiff, superintendent of Olentangy Local Schools, writes that while redistricting was difficult for many of their families, it will truly lead to better opportunities for students

### Olentangy BOE Approves Lease Agreement – Delaware Gazette

- The board approved earlier this year the relocation of its administrative offices to the 39,259-square-foot office building to allow for more needed classroom space

## SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS

### Reading 'Greenbelt? 9 Allows for Exploration, Socialization – This Week

#### South-Western Subject Matter

- Margaret Towery, curriculum coordinator at South-Western City Schools, writes that greenbelt reading is social. Books go viral on social media and get passed from one reader to another. Readers gather face-to-face or in virtual spaces to argue about plot points or discuss the evil deeds of villains

## UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

### Board Will Decide Fall Levy Details in June – This Week

- Local voters should find out in June how much support they'll be asked to put behind plans to rebuild Upper Arlington High School and its athletics facilities, as well as enhance and enlarge five district elementary buildings

## **WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Teachers' Raises Come with Higher Insurance Costs – This Week**

- Whitehall City School District teachers will receive 2 percent raises in each of the next three years, but also will pay more for health insurance per the terms of a new collective-bargaining agreement

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## ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

### **ODE Conduct Office Sees Continued Increase in Referrals – Hannah**

- Referrals to the state for potential educator misconduct continued a general upward trend, though the increase was lower than that seen in the previous two years, according to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE)

### **2016 Educator Conduct Report – ODE**

### **Ohio Part B State Systemic Improvement Plan Phase III Report – ODE**

- The Ohio Department of Education's Office for Exceptional Children, Office of Early Learning and School Readiness, and Center for Curriculum and Assessment are implementing a three-phase State Systemic Improvement Plan to bring about better educational results for Ohio's students. The plan focuses on the foundational language and literacy skills students need to become college and career ready

### **Seeking Districts to Participate in Truancy Pilot Program – ODE**

- As part of House Bill 410, the Ohio Family and Children First Cabinet Council is seeking letters of interest from districts to take part in a pilot program addressing truancy. Each school district will develop a multidisciplinary truancy team for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years that addresses attendance barriers for each child referred to the team

### **Step Up to Quality: A Guide for Child Care Providers – ODJFS**

- This guide is designed for child care providers working to achieve star ratings. This includes: child care programs registering for SUTQ for the first time; child care programs that already have at least one SUTQ star; and county agencies

### **Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Updates – ODE**

- KRA Training for Kindergarten Teachers begins in May

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## ***Ohio School Finance & Budget***

### **Schools Study Transportation Cuts – Marietta Times**

- Among possible state funding cuts being considered for local school districts are reductions to transportation, a critical service for rural districts

### **Senate Looking Beyond \$800 Million Budget Hole – Columbus Dispatch**

- Senate President Larry Obhof said his chamber has the \$800 million hole in mind as it crafts the new two-year budget, but members are anticipating that figure could go higher when new, official tax revenue estimates come in June

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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **Leland to Introduce Measure Addressing Charter School Spending Disclosure – Hannah**

- Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus) said he's introducing legislation to subject charter school funding to full state audits even when transferred to private management companies

### **House Education Panel Hears Support for Computer Science Standards – Hannah**

- Several witnesses representing schools, teachers and technology companies Tuesday urged the House Education Committee to act on a proposal to create statewide computer science standards in Ohio

### **Senate OKs New School Facilities Option for Ohio Districts – Hannah**

- Ohio schools could forego large-scale construction and renovation projects through the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) in favor of state assistance with smaller upgrades to meet specific needs under a measure the Senate adopted unanimously

### **Ohio Bill Would Decriminalize Carrying Concealed Handguns in Schools, Other Gun-Free Zones – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- Concealed handgun permit holders caught carrying on school grounds and other gun-free sites would no longer be subject to prison time under a bill introduced in the Ohio House

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## ***Ohio Schools***

### **Chronic Absenteeism a Growing Concern in Ohio Schools; Missing a Few Days a Month Adds Up – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- If a child misses just two days a month, national and local experts on school attendance note, that's missing 10 percent of school. It's enough to start lagging behind classmates, multiple studies show, and qualifies a student as chronically absent

### **Akron School District Designated Ford Next Generation Learning Community – Akron Beacon Journal**

- Akron Public Schools' effort to transform its schools into career-themed academies is getting a national boost as well as local support. The Akron school district was named a Ford Next Generation Learning (NGL) community during a ceremony Tuesday at National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM Middle School

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## ***Ohio Postsecondary***

### **Columbus State Considers Raising Tuition 7.4 Percent – Columbus Dispatch**

- Columbus State Community College is considering raising tuition if state legislators allow it

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## ***Ohio Reports***

### **Landscapes in Teacher Prep: Undergraduate Secondary – National Council on Teacher Quality**

- Contrary to some expectations, today's top-ranked teacher prep programs are not located on the most elite — and expensive — campuses; rather, some of the best programs are found in relatively small, not widely known colleges and universities
- Ohio Wesleyan University was named a Top Tier program

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# **NATIONAL/WORLD**

## ***Federal & US Department of Education***

### **'Modernize' Career- and Tech-Ed Law, House Education Committee Leader Says - EdWeek**

- The leader of the House education committee deplores what she called the negative connotations attached to career- and technical-education programs, and expressed optimism that a new bill to revamp federal law governing these programs would make progress in Congress

### **Trump Budget Reported to Use Title I, Research Aid to Push Choice – EdWeek**

- President Donald Trump's full education budget proposal for fiscal 2018 would make notable cuts to the U.S. Department of Education, and leverage existing program for disadvantaged students and K-12 innovation to promote school choice, the Washington Post reported

### **GAO: Education Department Should Improve of Competitive Grants – EdWeek**

- The U.S. Department of Education did not do a sufficient job of documenting its monitoring of key federal competitive grants, according to a report released Thursday by the Government Accountability Office

### **U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos Announces All Spring ESSA Plan Submissions Complete, Ready for Peer Review – USDOE**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that all state plans submitted for the spring deadline by 16 states and the District of Columbia under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) were found to be complete and ready for peer review

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## ***Education Policy & Finance***

### **Community Schools Are Expanding – But Are They Working? New Study Shows Mixed Results – Chalkbeat**

- New York City's announcement this week that it is doubling down on community schools indicates a firm belief that the program is working. But is this model effective, and by what measures? New research from an initiative in Texas and North Carolina aims to help answer those questions — and finds mixed evidence

### **In Some States, Donating to Private Schools Can Earn You a Profit – New York Times**

- AASA, the association of the nation's public school superintendents, released an exhaustive report Wednesday on tax credit scholarship

programs like Georgia's, which allow donors to piggyback on state and federal tax breaks — often to turn a profit

#### **Public Loss, Private Gain: How School Voucher Tax Shelters Undermine Public Education – AASA**

- The report by AASA, The School Superintendents Association, and the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), exposes how state and federal tax policy promotes the privatization of education funding, while simultaneously draining public coffers to enable savvy taxpayers to turn a profit

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### ***Standards & Assessments***

#### **How Is Policy Affecting Classroom Instruction? – Brookings**

- We find a great deal of variation in perceptions of policy, with Ohio teachers perceiving policy to be less supportive than Kentucky or Texas teachers. Teachers in all states are mostly implementing the content in new standards, but they are also teaching a good deal of content they should not—content that has been deemphasized in their grade-level standards

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### ***Teacher Effectiveness***

#### **Only 16 Teacher Prep Programs Ranked as 'Top Tier' in New Report – THE Journal**

- The complete list is only 16 schools long out of a possible 717 undergraduate programs that prepare secondary teachers. Half of the programs recognized by NCTQ are public, half are private

#### **Landscapes in Teacher Prep: Undergraduate Secondary – National Council on Teacher Quality**

- Contrary to some expectations, today's top-ranked teacher prep programs are not located on the most elite — and expensive — campuses; rather, some of the best programs are found in relatively small, not widely known colleges and universities

#### **Teachers Supporting Teachers: State Policies for Non-Classroom-Based Instructors – AIR**

- In this Ask the Team brief, we review existing state policies related to non-classroom-based instructors. Organized topically, this brief illuminates exemplars of state policies current as of April 2017 that address the

selection, preparation, evaluation, and compensation of non-classroom-based instructors but does not currently endorse any particular policy or example described

#### **Investing in What It Takes to Move from Good to Great – AIR**

- This report (the third in the study series) summarizes the findings from a 2016 survey of National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) and builds on the results of a similar survey of State and National Teachers of the Year in 2013–2014. What we found largely confirmed the findings across the career continuum in the earlier, smaller-scale survey

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### ***Digital Convergence***

#### **How Google Took over the Classroom – New York Times**

- Today, more than half the nation's primary- and secondary-school students — more than 30 million children — use Google education apps like Gmail and Docs, the company said. And Chromebooks, Google-powered laptops that initially struggled to find a purpose, are now a powerhouse in America's schools. Today they account for more than half the mobile devices shipped to schools

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### ***School Improvement***

#### **Tiered Systems of Support: Practical Considerations for School Districts – MDRC**

- Students learn or progress at their own paces. How can schools make sure that they get the help they need — and only the help they need? Many are turning to tiered systems of support, which are usually implemented in three levels: Tier 1 represents the strong foundation that all students need, the whole-school structures that undergird a good education. Tier 2 services are for students who need some additional help. Tier 3 is for students experiencing the greatest difficulty

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## ***Special Education***

### **70,000 Students with Disabilities Secluded, Restrained in School – EdWeek**

- One out of every 100 special education students was restrained by school personnel or secluded in school from his or her peers in the 2013-14 school year, presumably to quell behavior that teachers considered disruptive or dangerous

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## ***School Safety & Discipline***

### **Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2016 – USDOE/IES/NCES**

- The report covers topics such as victimization, bullying, school conditions, fights, weapons, the presence of security staff at school, availability and student use of drugs and alcohol, student perceptions of personal safety at school, and criminal incidents at postsecondary institutions

### **Study: Bullying Persists in School, Reports of Sex Crime Up – AP**

- One in every 5 middle and high school students has complained of being bullied at school and the number of reports of sexual assault on college campuses has more than tripled over the past decade, according to a federal study released Tuesday

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## ***Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness***

### **A Plan to Kill High School Transcripts...and Transform College Admissions – Inside Higher Ed**

- More than 100 elite private high schools aim to replace traditional transcripts with competency-based, nonstandardized documents -- with no grades. They plan to expand to public high schools, with goal of completely changing how students are evaluated

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## ***Postsecondary***

### **Tuition-Free Community College to Become the Norm in Tennessee as Bill Heads to Haslam – The Tennessean**

- Tennessee will become the first state in the nation to offer tuition-free community college to nearly every resident without a degree

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## ***Curriculum***

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## ***Data***

### **New Student Data Privacy Toolkit Encourages Parent Advocacy – EdWeek**

- A pair of advocacy organizations, the Parent Coalition for Student Privacy and the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, have released a toolkit that urges parents to be more vigilant in questioning school districts' and ed-tech companies' data-privacy policies

### **Parent Toolkit for Student Privacy – Parent Coalition for Student Privacy/Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood**

- We offer clear guidance on what privacy rights your child has in federal law, what to look for in school vendor's Privacy Policies, and tips on how to advocate for your school or district to adopt best practices in ensuring your child's sensitive data isn't breached or abused

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## ***Leadership***

### **How to Recruit Black Principals – The Atlantic**

- Nonprofit groups are using new strategies to diversify the talent pool for school leaders

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## ***Transportation***

### **Miles to Go: Bringing School Transportation into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – Bellwether Education**

- This report examines the structure of school transportation systems, the surrounding regulatory landscape, school transportation funding mechanisms, student safety, the impact of school choice, the growing need for school transportation data, and school transportation's effect on the environment. Drawing from these various perspectives, it asks whether the traditional system of district-provided school transportation is the best way to get kids to school in different district contexts, explores potential alternatives, and analyzes the practical and policy barriers and incentives around student transportation

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# Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

## **HOUSE**

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations  
**STATUS:** House Finance Committee

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident  
**STATUS:** House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee – Reported out as amended

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system  
**STATUS:** House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments  
**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security  
**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB40**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database  
**Status:** House State & Local Government Committee

**HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY** (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49 OPERATING BUDGET** (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 58-36**

**HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES** (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB66 TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS** (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB74 INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77 SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE** (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY** (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS** (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-1**

**HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL** (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 95-2**

**HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR** (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS** (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166** WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS:** House High Education & Workforce Development Committee

**HB170** COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffy) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB176** SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS:** House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

**HB181** ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB186** COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS:** House Ways & Means Committee

**HB200** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB203** YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging

initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS** (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS** (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS:** Senate Education Committee – Substitute bill accepted & reported out; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0

**SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Ways & Means Committee – Reported out**

**SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34 SCHOOL YEARS** (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS** (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to

use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72** PREVAILING WAGE LAW (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79** STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB82** SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85** OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88** SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104** PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105** MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS** (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS** (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Introduced**

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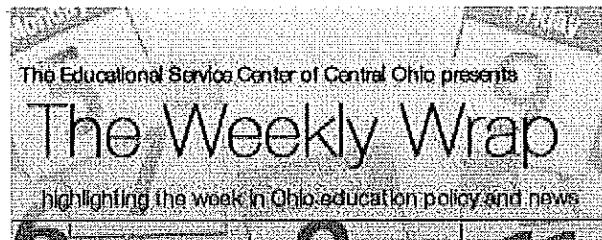
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*The Trump administration released its full budget proposal for fiscal year 2018 including big shifts in the U.S. Department of Education's budget. The budget would provide an additional \$1 billion in Title I funding earmarked as grants called 'Furthering Options for Children to Unlock Success (FOCUS)', intending to promote public school choice. The charter school grants program would increase by \$150 million while a school voucher research program would receive a funding boost of \$270 million. Special education grants would see a decrease of about \$112 million. The biggest single line-item to be eliminated is \$2.1 billion for supporting teacher development and reducing class size under Title II. Overall, the proposed budget cuts \$9.2 billion, or 13.5%, from the U.S. Department of Education's current \$68.2 billion budget for fiscal year 2017.*

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# OHIO

## *Central Ohio Schools*

**Suburban Growth Remains Strong in Central Ohio – Columbus Dispatch**

- A recent report by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission estimates that the seven-county region of central Ohio is on pace to attract approximately 1 million new people between 2010 and 2050, for a total of 3 million residents by 2050

## BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOLS

**Students, Staff Manage in Crowded Conditions – This Week District Notebook**

- Angie Pollock, superintendent Big Walnut Local Schools, writes that proactively managing their growth is something they discuss and work on daily. In fact, it is the biggest issue facing their district right now

## CHILlicothe CITY SCHOOLS

**School Board to Vote on Design Development – Chillicothe Gazette**

- The board will decide on final approval of the design development stage submission for both the new K through 2 building and grades 3 through 6 building

**Students, Rotary Launch City Schools' Interact Club – Chillicothe Gazette**

- Two student-driven initiatives — one brand new and the other just a year old = 2 will be pushing forward in the Chillicothe City Schools next fall

## DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS

**State Auditor Urges Steep Cuts in Delaware Schools – Columbus Dispatch**

- The state auditor has sent a troubling forecast to the Delaware school district, urging it to cut jobs and extracurricular programs and overhaul its health-care benefits

## DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS

### Dublin Approves Teacher and Support Contracts and Secures Land for Future – Columbus Dispatch

- The Dublin Board of Education has approved contracts for two employee unions and acquired land in Union County to brace itself for a population boom

### Dublin School Board Oks Pacts with Teachers, Support-Staff Unions – This Week

- New contract agreements with the Dublin Educators' Association and the Dublin Support Association include increased salaries as well as teacher collaboration time

### Class of 2017 Has Record 46 Merit Semifinalists – This Week from the Superintendent's Desk

- Todd Hoadley, superintendent of Dublin City Schools, writes that the class of 2017 set a school record with 46 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists, the most of any district in Ohio

### District, Nationwide Reach Accord on Site for Future Schools – This Week

- The site slated for a future elementary school and middle school in the Dublin City School District has been solidified

## GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Options Help Prepare Students – This Week

- In Gahanna, the city and Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools are collaborating with the Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce in an effort to help meet local work force needs

## GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS

### Grandview Schools, Library Help Sidestep 'Summer Slide' – This Week

- Grandview Heights City School District teachers want parents to know it's important their children don't stop learning just because school's out

### Grandview Yard No Panacea for School Funding – This Week District Notebook

- Beth Collier, treasurer of Grandview Heights City Schools, writes that the Grandview Yard will have minimal financial impact on the schools for the next 22 years, especially when factoring in the loss of tangible personal property tax reimbursement from the state

## GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Steeler Le'Veon Bell Donates Synthetic Turf Field to Groveport Madison High School – This Week

- An NFL player has never forgotten the boost his high school gave to his future, according to those who know him, so he is returning the favor

## LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

### With Levy Approval, Licking Heights begins Discussing Building Plans – Newark Advocate

- Licking Heights Local Schools officials already are working toward building a new high school

## MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS

### Marysville Schools Upgrade Security Camera System – Marysville Journal-Tribune

- When an unfamiliar person entered Raymond Elementary on an October morning in 2014, it took some time to piece together details and determine that the individual was simply a parent unfamiliar with the building

## NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Northridge's Briggs Takes Superintendent Job in Pickerington – This Week

- The Pickerington Board of Education has announced it intends to hire Chris Briggs as the district's next superintendent

### Northridge Superintendent Takes Job in Pickerington – Newark Advocate

- Chris Briggs, who has been with Northridge since 2013, said he has accepted the superintendent position at Pickerington Local Schools. He will leave Northridge at the end of June

### Pickerington Schools Hire Superintendent from Northridge Schools – Columbus Dispatch

- Pickerington schools found its next superintendent just one county to the north, the district announced on Thursday morning

## OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Griffiths Trades Liberty for OHS – This Week

- Robert Griffiths' decision to take the job of principal at Olentangy High School has led to mixed emotions for students and staff at Liberty High School

**Olentangy BOE Hires Principal at New Office Building – Delaware Gazette**

- The Olentangy Board of Education had a packed house with several agenda items for its first meeting at the school district's new administrative office

**Olentangy Admin Contracts Cost Nearly \$2.75 Million in Annual Salary – Delaware Gazette**

- The Olentangy Board of Education voted 4-1 to renew administrative contracts

**WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

**Options Help Prepare Students – This Week**

- Westerville has received about \$1.4 million for its participation in the Innovation Generation initiative, which is affiliated with the national Pathways to Prosperity Network

**Lanier to Replace Spinner at Westerville Central – This Week**

- Thomas Lanier, Pickerington High School North's assistant principal, has been hired as Westerville Central High School's next leader

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**Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education**

**Spread the Word: Kids Eat Free This Summer – ODE**

- This summer, the Ohio Department of Education is sponsoring the Summer Food Service Program, providing children with free, healthy meals

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**Ohio Education & Public Policy**

**Don't Penalize Us for Failing Schools, Charter Overseers Say, If Management Is Good – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- Failing grades at charter schools shouldn't bring automatic penalties, Ohio's charter oversight organizations say, so long as schools have good oversight otherwise

**Ohio Senate Introduces Amendment to Aid Incoming Seniors in danger of Not Graduating in 2018 – WKSU.org**

- Next year's graduating high school seniors must get a good score over seven different final tests or on a college entrance exam, or earn an industry credential. As many as 47,000 high school juniors are potentially on track to

fail to meet those standards. An amendment that may be attached to the budget in the Senate seeks to help those students

#### **Ohio Schools Might Regain Paper Option for Standardized Tests**

- After one year of requiring students to take their state standardized tests on a computer, Ohio's legislators could give the state's schools the choice to go back to paper and pencil

#### **House Committee Revises Computer Science Education Bill – Hannah**

- Proposed state standards for computer science would take effect later but be supplemented by model curriculum under a new version of legislation rolled out Tuesday in the House Education and Career Readiness Committee. The substitute version of HB170 also changes credentialing requirements for teachers of computer science courses and sets some limits on the bill's proposal to allow the courses to fulfill graduation requirements for math or science

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### ***Ohio School Facilities Commission***

#### **Study Finds Project Labor Agreements Increase School Building Costs – Hannah**

- Associated Builders and Contractors of Ohio (ABC) teamed up with the Boston-based Beacon Hill Institute on Thursday to release a study finding that project labor agreements add significantly to the cost of school construction projects

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### ***Ohio Postsecondary***

#### **Apple Chooses Columbus State to Roll Out App-Development Course – Columbus Dispatch**

- Columbus State Community College will be among the first in the nation to use a new curriculum that Apple released on Wednesday to teach people to develop phone and tablet applications in its Swift programming language

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# NATIONAL/WORLD

## *Federal & US Department of Education*

### DeVos Promises 'the Most Ambitious Expansion of Education Choice in Our Nation's History' – But Offers No Details ? 3 Washington Post

- Education Secretary Betsy DeVos promised that President Trump would propose "the most ambitious expansion of education choice in our nation's history," but she offered no details about the administration's plans

### Four Things to Watch in Trump's Education Spending Plan – EdWeek

- There are several key questions you should have in mind when the budget rolls out. Here are a few of them

### Trump Budget Would Slash Education Department Spending, Boost School Choice – EdWeek

- President Donald Trump's full budget proposal for the U.S. Department of Education, released on Tuesday, includes big shifts in funding priorities and makes cuts to spending for teacher development, after-school enrichment, and career and technical education, while ramping up investments in school choice

### Opposition to Trump's Education Budget Mounts

- More than 20,000 people emailed the Department of Education to voice opposition to the president's fiscal 2018 budget proposal Tuesday afternoon in the hours after it was released, mirroring the deluge of public outcry that flooded Congress during the confirmation process for Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos

### President Trump's Taxpayer First Budget – whitehouse.gov

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**Secretary DeVos: America Must Transform Education to Serve the Needs of Individual Students – USDOE**

- U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos delivered keynote remarks to the American Federation for Children's National Policy Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Secretary introduced the principles of the Trump Administration's school choice plan, urging state leaders to invest in individual students and empower parents, while outlining the Administration's intent to support state-based solutions

**Betsy DeVos Refuses to Rule Out Giving Funds to Schools That Discriminate – New York Times**

- Betsy DeVos, the education secretary, on Wednesday fiercely defended budget plans to spend \$1.4 billion on the Trump administration's expanded school choice agenda, but refused to say whether her office would withhold funds from private schools that discriminate against students

**DeVos, Democrats Wage War over Budget Cuts, Students' Rights under Vouchers – EdWeek**

- Democrats sparred with U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos about the budget proposal from President Donald Trump that would direct \$1.4 billion to expand school choice and sharply questioning her commitment to protecting students with federal vouchers from discrimination during a House subcommittee hearing

**Opening Statement of U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education – USDOE**

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**The Condition of Education 2017 – USDOE/IES/NCES**

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- A survey of current state law and policy on competency-based education in K-12 systems

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## ***Standards & Assessments***

### **Study Finds Digital Exam Features Impact Scores for Younger Students – THE Journal**

- Researchers concluded that features of a specific computer testing system matter and can impact a younger student's overall performance

### **Student Testing: What's Next – EdWeek Special Report**

- Change is bubbling in the assessment world. Common standards are reshaping standardized tests. New federal laws are causing states to ramp up tests for English-language learners. Formative assessments are going digital, and students are being encouraged to create their own assessments to show what they've learned. This special report provides a snapshot of these developments and others in the changing field of assessment

### **Next-Generation Science Tests Slowly Take Shape = 2 EdWeek**

- Around the country, science instruction is changing—students are being asked to make models, analyze data, construct arguments, and design solutions in ways that far exceed schools' previous goals. That means science testing, of course, needs to change as well

### **More Testing Is Forecast for Nation's ELL Students – Edweek**

- At a time when Congress wants to scale back K-12 testing requirements, the Every Student Succeeds Act could do just the opposite for one group of students? 4those who don't yet communicate fluently in English

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## ***School Choice***

### **Why It's So Hard to Know Whether School Choice Is Working – NPR**

- Experts say one single, overarching issue bedevils their efforts to study the impact of school choice programs. That is: It's hard to disentangle the performance of a school from the selection of its students

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## ***Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth***

### **Report: Students with Learning and Attention issues Three Times More Likely to Drop Out – THE Journal**

- One in five children have learning and attention issues, or brain-based challenges in reading, writing, math, organization, focus, listening comprehension, social skills, motor skills or a combination of these, according to the National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD). In a new report, the NCLD examines why students facing these issues are three times more likely to drop out of school

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## ***Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness***

### An Integrated Approach to Academic and Social Supports: A Case Study on Increasing College Readiness through AVID – Getting Smart

- Authors Tom Vander Ark and Mary Ryerse make the case for college readiness, relay the story of the academic and social-support-driven AVID program, and illustrate how partnerships can enhance college, career and life readiness initiatives. The message is multifold: Students need support. Case studies are helpful. Partnerships can work

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### ***Curriculum***

#### Iowa Adds Computer Science to K-12 Curriculum – THE Journal

- A new law passed in Iowa requires the state's Department of Education to establish standards in computer science for K-12 and a credential for teachers who teach CS

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## **Ohio Legislation Update**

**(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)**

## **HOUSE**

**HB3 DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION** (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB8 PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS** (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 95-2**

**HB14AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION** (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB21COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION** (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB37SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES** (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB40GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE** (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**Status: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47STUDENTS IN MILITARY** (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49OPERATING BUDGET** (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 58-36**

**HB51DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES** (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB66TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS** (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB74INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE** (Rep. Wes Rutherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87 COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB89 AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY** (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98 CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS** (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

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**HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-1**

**HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the

standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL** (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR** (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS** (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House High Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION** (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS** (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE** (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS** (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project

Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE** (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: Referred to House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS** (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS** (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: Referred to House Transportation & Public Safety Committee**

**HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE** (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS** (Rep. Dorothy Peleanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING** (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS** (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House amended on Floor, Vote 96-1; Emergency clause, Vote 95-2; Senate concurs with House amendments, Vote 30-1; Emergency clause, Vote 30-1**

**SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34SCHOOL YEARS** (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS** (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72PREVAILING WAGE LAW** (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB82SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION** (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY** (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION** (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS** (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS** (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Referred to Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

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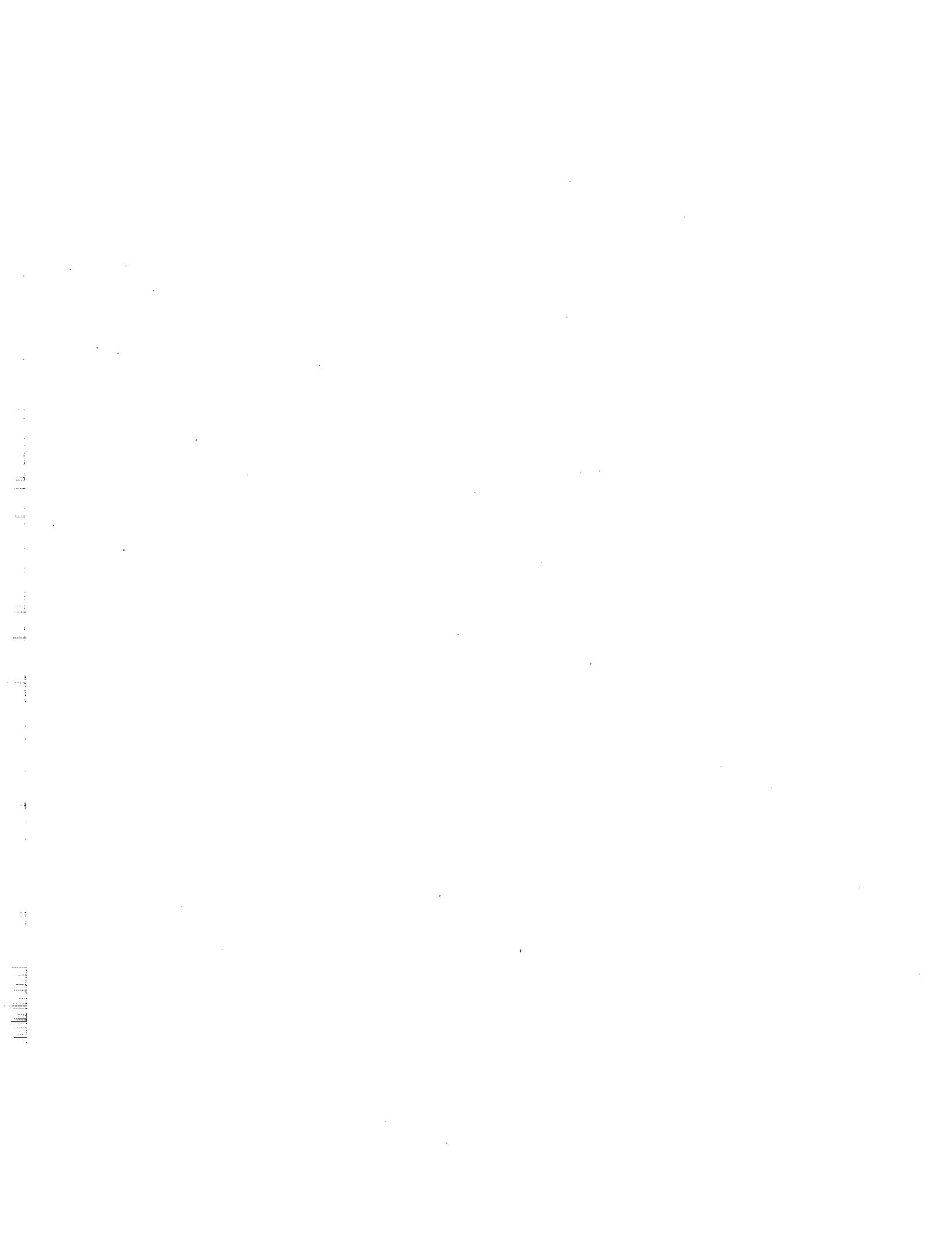
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**Sent:** Friday, June 2, 2017 10:29 AM  
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**Subject:** Co-Sponsor Request: Reduced Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees  
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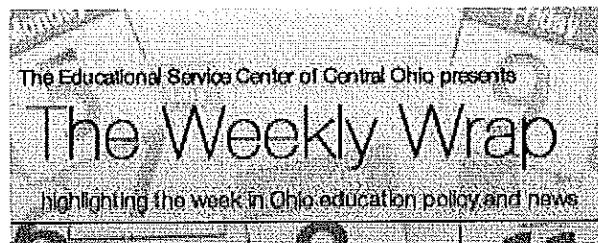
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**Subject:** Weekly Wrap 6/2/17 - A service of the ESC of Central Ohio - Ohio ESSA Plan Update

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**Week of June 2, 2017**

Please let Joe know if you have questions, requests, or would like to be added to the distribution list. Thank you.

*Note: There will be no Wrap the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>.*

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**OHIO ESSA PLAN UPDATE** – *The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is posting draft sections of the state's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan to its website as each is reviewed by the State Board of Education. The Department also is accepting additional feedback from the public and plans to present its final revisions to the State Board at the July 10-11 meeting. The final plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education in September and the state will transition to ESSA during the 2017-18 school year, as required by law.*

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# OHIO

## ***Central Ohio Schools***

### **Kids' Learning Doesn't Have to Slide over Summer – Columbus Dispatch**

- Summer is a time to try things that can't happen in a classroom, and even better, warding off academic atrophy doesn't have to cost much, if anything

## **CHILlicothe CITY SCHOOLS**

### **City Schools Adjusting STEAM Plans – Chillicothe Gazette**

- More students will have access to the new Chillicothe City Schools' Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Innovation Academy during the next school year than originally thought

### **Respect Initiative Returning for 2017-18 – Chillicothe Gazette**

- The Chillicothe City Schools plans to continue its respect campaign into a second year in 2017-18, and while the hiring Tuesday of new varsity girls basketball coach Jeremy Beverly wasn't necessarily a part of it, he voiced the exact sentiment the district has been pushing

## **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Performance Audit Recommends \$4.6 Million in Savings for Delaware City School District**

- The Delaware City School District in Delaware County could save nearly \$4.6 million based on recommendations of a performance audit released Thursday by Auditor of State Dave Yost

### **Delaware Schools Pursuing Levy This Fall – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware City School District will be pursuing a levy to offset a deficit caused by state funding caps

## **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Enrollment Capping: Continued Growth Means Building Limits to Return – This Week**

- Although enrollment wasn't capped at any schools within Dublin City School District this school year, capping will return for the 2017-2018 school year

## **GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Treasurer Valladares Leaving Gahanna-Jefferson for Newark Schools – This Week**

- Julio Valladares, 14-year treasurer of the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, has announced he's leaving the district to become treasurer of Newark City School

### **NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Three-Year Contract Would Include 1 Percent Annual Pay Bump for New Albany Teachers – Columbus Dispatch**

- A tentative three-year contract that would increase base pay for teachers but save the district money on health plans in the New Albany-Plain School District has been reached between the district's Board of Education and the teachers union

### **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Olentangy Plays 'Catch-Up,' Raises Lunch Prices – This Week**

- Olentangy Local School District students will need to drop an extra dime at lunchtime next school year

### **TOLLES CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER**

#### **Tolles Career & Technical Center Students Proven Ready for the Workplace – Madison Press**

- While many graduates are eager to begin college, enter the workforce or the military, 32 Tolles Career & Technical Center students have proven themselves employable to 22 Madison County area companies

### **WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Lanier Takes on Top Role at Central – This Week**

- Thomas Lanier, Pickerington High School North's assistant principal, has been hired as Westerville Central High School's next leader

### **WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Worthington Schools Could Be on Ballot in 2018 – This Week**

- Worthington school district residents could see a levy request on their ballots as soon as November 2018

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## ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

### **Testing Panel Closes In on Recommendations – Hannah**

- The state panel assigned to recommend revisions and possible cutbacks in testing Tuesday zeroed in on their recommendations related to state assessments

### **Dates Set for 2018 State-Funded ACT and SAT – ODE**

- State law requires schools to administer the state-funded ACT or SAT to all grade 11 students in the spring of the school year. Each year, districts and schools will select which test to administer to their juniors

### **June 16 Deadline to Ensure June Payment of CCIP/CRRS Claims – ODE**

- Friday, June 16 is the last day to submit Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan claims and Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System claims to assure payment in June 2017

### **Grant Competition Now Open for Federal Charter Schools Program – ODE**

- The federal Charter Schools Program grant competition for Fiscal Year 2018 is now open. The deadline for submitting an application is June 15, 2017, at 4:59 p.m.

### **Remediation-Free Scores for “New” SAT Set – ODE**

- Students who took College Board’s SAT after March 1, 2016, may use their scores to meet the college and career readiness pathway to graduation. A remediation-free score on the ACT or SAT is one option students may use to meet the test requirement for graduation. In March 2016, College Board administered a new SAT that uses a different test format, scoring model and score reports

### **State Disputes ACT’s Invalidation of Hundreds of Tests – Hannah**

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is pressing ACT to provide scores for invalidated tests taken by an estimated 1,300 students in this year’s first statewide administration of college readiness exams. The department is also pressing the matter with state procurement officials

### **ACT Official Won’t Explain Ohio Students’ Test Snafu Due to “Security” – Columbus Dispatch**

- Hundreds of students in Reynoldsburg and several other Ohio school districts had their ACT scores invalidated, but state officials are urging the college-entrance-testing company to reconsider

### **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Draft Sections of Template – ODE**

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## ***Ohio School Finance & Budget***

### **Budget Subcommittees Report to Finance Committee; Democrats Preview Amendments** – Hannah

- Sen. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) began the testimony, describing the 121 witnesses that appeared before the Primary and Secondary Education Finance Subcommittee. He said the big topic was about caps and guarantees, but there were also numerous other witnesses on career tech, education tech or tech prep, the latter on which he said they learned much. His subcommittee also took testimony on school choice, charters and independent schools, and ESCs and RESA

### **Obhof Expects to Fill Bigger Budget Shortfall** – Hannah

- While revenue results for May aren't expected for another few days, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) told reporters Thursday that he expects the Senate will be having to fill a bigger budget shortfall than the \$800 million previously announced

### **Senate Eyes Changes to Medicaid, School Funding** – Columbus Dispatch

- Among its budget changes, the Ohio Senate is not expected to force the Kasich administration to ask permission before spending any money on Medicaid expansion, an is looking to reduce the number of schools facing funding cuts

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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **State Control of Lorain Schools Aims to Be Partnership, Not a “Hijack”** – Cleveland Plain Dealer

- John Kasich's new state intervention system for "failing" school districts started its oversight of the Lorain schools with none of the resentment and opposition that has plagued similar efforts in Youngstown

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## ***Ohio Schools***

### **Ohio School District Fights High Chronic Absenteeism Rate** – AP/Columbus Dispatch

- An Ohio school district is fighting chronic absenteeism rates that see nearly one in four students missing multiple days of school a year. About 24 percent of students in Lorain city schools in northern Ohio are chronically absent, meaning students miss about 18 days a year

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## ***Ohio Local Government***

### **Dems Say State, Local Governments Needs Fresh Start – Hannah**

- The state needs to repair its relationship with municipalities after years of shifting the tax burden to local governments, Democratic city leaders said

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## ***Ohio Reports***

### **Education Savings Accounts: Expanding Education Options for Ohio – Buckeye Institute**

- Education Savings Accounts (ESA) represent the next wave of school choice and have been embraced across the country. ESAs are specialized accounts administered by the state on behalf of parents and may only be spent on certain educational products or services. ESAs empower parents to customize their child's education by giving them control over how to spend the state paid share of their child's education funding. ESAs also provide incentives for parents to find the best education options at competitive price

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## **NATIONAL/WORLD**

### ***Federal & US Department of Education***

#### **Trump Budget Cuts Aimed at Safety-Net Programs Worries Advocates for Minority Communities – AP**

- It would defund and cut at least 10 percent of key civil rights enforcement positions across the government, including positions at the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Legal Services Corporation, which helped more than 2

million low-income individuals with legal representation last year, advocates said

#### **Governors to Congress: Don't Shortchange Us on ESSA, Special Ed – EdWeek**

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#### **Trump Budget Draws Ire, Tepid Support from School Choice World – EdWeek**

- Prominent players in the school choice world are hardly mooning over Trump's plans to sink \$1.4 billion into private and public school choice

#### **USDOE Launches New IDEA Website – USDOE**

- Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos directed the Department to expedite the development of a new, updated and more robust site specific to the IDEA after the Department's Building the Legacy: IDEA 2004 (Legacy) site experienced a prolonged outage in February due to technical issues

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### ***Education Policy & Finance***

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Appeals Court Rules for Transgender Student on Restroom Use – EdWeek**

- A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld an injunction requiring a Wisconsin school district to allow a transgender high school student to use the boys restroom, ruling that Title IX and the U.S. Constitution's equal-protection clause support the student who was born female, but now identifies as male

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### ***Standards & Assessments***

#### **Is Your Child Showing Grit? School Report Cards Rate Students? 9 Soft Skills – EdWeek**

- Where report cards may have once had a handwritten teacher's note saying a student "plays well with others," parents in some districts are now more likely to see a box that shows whether their child performs at grade level in such areas as "relationship skills"

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## **Teacher Effectiveness**

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## **Personalized Learning Frameworks**

### **Personalized Learning Could Get a Boost with Increased Local Control – Education Dive**

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## **Charter Schools**

### **Charter School Funding: Inequity in the City – University of Arkansas Department of Education Reform**

- This is the first study of funding inequities to concentrate on revenue disparities between charters and traditional public schools where charters are most common metropolitan areas across the country. The 15 urban areas that inform our study include Atlanta, Boston, Camden, Denver, Houston, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, New Orleans, New York City, Oakland, San Antonio, Tulsa, and Washington

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## **School Improvement**

### **Start with the Facts: Denver Public Schools 2017 – A+ Colorado**

- This report explores performance data from the past four years, showing that Denver has moved to the middle of the pack of Colorado districts. This next decade of work in Denver Public Schools will require that the district move from average to great. This will be even more challenging, and require collaboration and commitment from the district and the entire Denver community to ensure that all of our children receive an excellent education. It

is no longer about whether the district has these systems in place; it is about the efficacy of these systems and how equitable they are

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## ***Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth***

### **What We're Missing: A Descriptive Analysis of Part-Day Absenteeism in Secondary School – AERA Open**

- Our results extend and modify the extant findings on absenteeism that have been based almost exclusively on full-day absenteeism, missing class-by-class absences. Notably, part-day absenteeism is responsible for as many classes missed as full-day absenteeism, raising chronic absenteeism from 9% to 24% of secondary-grades students. Incorporating part-day absences sharply increases the chronic absenteeism gap between underrepresented minority students and their peers

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## ***Mental Health & Wellness***

### **School Lunch Quality and Academic Performance ↗ 0 National Bureau of Economic Research**

- Students at schools that contract with a healthy school lunch vendor score higher on CA state achievement tests, with larger test score increases for students who are eligible for reduced price or free school lunches. We do not find any evidence that healthier school lunches lead to a decrease in obesity rates

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## ***Early Learning***

### **Free Play for Flashcards? New Study Nods to More Rigorous Preschools – New York Times**

- The study found that by the end of kindergarten, children who had attended one year of “academic-oriented preschool” outperformed peers who had attended less academic-focused preschools by, on average, the equivalent of two and a half months of learning in literacy and math

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## ***Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness***

### **Is Your Child Showing Grit? School Report Cards Rate Students? 9 Soft Skills**

– EdWeek

- Where report cards may have once had a handwritten teacher's note saying a student "plays well with others," parents in some districts are now more likely to see a box that shows whether their child performs at grade level in such areas as "relationship skills"

### **Building Competencies for Careers – Center on Education Policy**

- This report draws on information from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) to better understand the value of deeper learning competencies in the labor market. O\*NET uses surveys of employees and occupational experts to determine the important characteristics and requirements of more than 900 occupations. CEP researchers and other experts "linked" the knowledge, skills, abilities and work styles required for a diverse sample of 300-plus O\*NET occupations to the deeper learning competencies as defined by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The report finds that students will be better prepared for fast-growing jobs if they develop academic mindsets, learn how to communicate effectively, and take an analytical approach to solving problems

### **Second Thoughts about Higher Education Decisions – Inside Higher Ed**

- Most former college students say they would change either their major, college attended or credential pursued if they could do it all over again, survey finds

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## ***Postsecondary***

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# Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

## ***HOUSE***

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations  
**STATUS:** House Finance Committee

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS:** Passed by House, Vote 95-2

**HB14** AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system  
**STATUS:** House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

**HB21** COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments  
**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB37** SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security  
**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

**HB40** GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database  
**STATUS:** House State & Local Government Committee

**HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY** (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49 OPERATING BUDGET** (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 58-36**

**HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES** (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB66 TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS** (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB74 INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77 SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE** (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY** (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS** (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-1**

**HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL** (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR** (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS** (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House High Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION** (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS** (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE** (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS** (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE** (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging

initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS** (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS** (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee**

**HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE** (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS** (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING** (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS** (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House amended on Floor, Vote 96-1; Emergency clause, Vote 95-2; Senate concurs with House amendments, Vote 30-1; Emergency clause, Vote 30-1**

**SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34 SCHOOL YEARS** (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS** (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW** (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION** (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Sen. Matt Huffman)  
To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project  
Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY** (Sen. Louis Terhar) To  
modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision  
commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to  
clarify the duties of that political subdivision  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION** (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen.  
Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study  
Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional  
economic development alliances  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To  
prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To  
designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school  
zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate  
the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an  
appropriation  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS** (Sen. William Coley) To limit the  
right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the  
county recorder of the county in which the property is located  
**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS** (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify  
students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio  
College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for  
community colleges' career certification programs  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To  
require the Education Management Information System to include information  
regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline

was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

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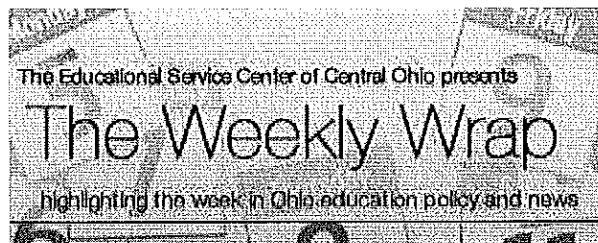
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***Week of June 2, 2017***

Please let Joe know if you have questions, requests, or would like to be added to the distribution list. Thank you.

*Note: There will be no Wrap the week of June 9<sup>th</sup>.*

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## FEATURED ITEMS

**OHIO ESSA PLAN UPDATE** – *The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is posting draft sections of the state's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan to its website as each is reviewed by the State Board of Education. The Department also is accepting additional feedback from the public and plans to present its final revisions to the State Board at the July 10-11 meeting. The final plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education in September and the state will transition to ESSA during the 2017-18 school year, as required by law.*

**Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Draft Sections of Template – ODE**

- As draft sections are presented to the State Board for discussion, they will be posted to the document list below. We welcome additional feedback

**Governors to Congress: Don't Shortchange Us on ESSA, Special Ed – EdWeek**

- In a May 25 letter to the four top federal lawmakers responsible for funding the U.S. Department of Education, Gov. Brian Sandoval, R-Nev., and Gov. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., urged Congress to "prioritize investments" in programs related to the Every Student Succeeds Act, career and technical education, and elsewhere

**States Struggle to Define Ineffective Teachers under ESSA – EdWeek**

- Teacher evaluations—both their role and the mechanics of carrying them out—are a politically fraught subject, and the Every Student Succeeds Act has kicked the dust up once again as states wrestle with how to comply with teacher-quality sections of the new law

**Personalized Learning Could Get a Boost with Increased Local Control – Education Dive**

- Federal and state policy seems to be opening the door to greater innovation at the school level

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# OHIO

## ***Central Ohio Schools***

### **Kids' Learning Doesn't Have to Slide over Summer – Columbus Dispatch**

- Summer is a time to try things that can't happen in a classroom, and even better, warding off academic atrophy doesn't have to cost much, if anything

## **CHILlicothe CITY SCHOOLS**

### **City Schools Adjusting STEAM Plans – Chillicothe Gazette**

- More students will have access to the new Chillicothe City Schools' Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) Innovation Academy during the next school year than originally thought

### **Respect Initiative Returning for 2017-18 – Chillicothe Gazette**

- The Chillicothe City Schools plans to continue its respect campaign into a second year in 2017-18, and while the hiring Tuesday of new varsity girls basketball coach Jeremy Beverly wasn't necessarily a part of it, he voiced the exact sentiment the district has been pushing

## **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Performance Audit Recommends \$4.6 Million in Savings for Delaware City School District**

- The Delaware City School District in Delaware County could save nearly \$4.6 million based on recommendations of a performance audit released Thursday by Auditor of State Dave Yost

### **Delaware Schools Pursuing Levy This Fall – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware City School District will be pursuing a levy to offset a deficit caused by state funding caps

## **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Enrollment Capping: Continued Growth Means Building Limits to Return – This Week**

- Although enrollment wasn't capped at any schools within Dublin City School District this school year, capping will return for the 2017-2018 school year

## **GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **Treasurer Valladares Leaving Gahanna-Jefferson for Newark Schools – This Week**

- Julio Valladares, 14-year treasurer of the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, has announced he's leaving the district to become treasurer of Newark City School

### **NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Three-Year Contract Would Include 1 Percent Annual Pay Bump for New Albany Teachers – Columbus Dispatch**

- A tentative three-year contract that would increase base pay for teachers but save the district money on health plans in the New Albany-Plain School District has been reached between the district's Board of Education and the teachers union

### **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Olentangy Plays 'Catch-Up,' Raises Lunch Prices – This Week**

- Olentangy Local School District students will need to drop an extra dime at lunchtime next school year

### **TOLLES CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER**

#### **Tolles Career & Technical Center Students Proven Ready for the Workplace – Madison Press**

- While many graduates are eager to begin college, enter the workforce or the military, 32 Tolles Career & Technical Center students have proven themselves employable to 22 Madison County area companies

### **WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Lanier Takes on Top Role at Central – This Week**

- Thomas Lanier, Pickerington High School North's assistant principal, has been hired as Westerville Central High School's next leader

### **WORTHINGTON CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Worthington Schools Could Be on Ballot in 2018 – This Week**

- Worthington school district residents could see a levy request on their ballots as soon as November 2018

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## ***Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education***

### **Testing Panel Closes In on Recommendations – Hannah**

- The state panel assigned to recommend revisions and possible cutbacks in testing Tuesday zeroed in on their recommendations related to state assessments

### **Dates Set for 2018 State-Funded ACT and SAT – ODE**

- State law requires schools to administer the state-funded ACT or SAT to all grade 11 students in the spring of the school year. Each year, districts and schools will select which test to administer to their juniors

### **June 16 Deadline to Ensure June Payment of CCIP/CRRS Claims – ODE**

- Friday, June 16 is the last day to submit Comprehensive Continuous Improvement Plan claims and Claims Reimbursement and Reporting System claims to assure payment in June 2017

### **Grant Competition Now Open for Federal Charter Schools Program – ODE**

- The federal Charter Schools Program grant competition for Fiscal Year 2018 is now open. The deadline for submitting an application is June 15, 2017, at 4:59 p.m.

### **Remediation-Free Scores for “New” SAT Set – ODE**

- Students who took College Board’s SAT after March 1, 2016, may use their scores to meet the college and career readiness pathway to graduation. A remediation-free score on the ACT or SAT is one option students may use to meet the test requirement for graduation. In March 2016, College Board administered a new SAT that uses a different test format, scoring model and score reports

### **State Disputes ACT’s Invalidation of Hundreds of Tests – Hannah**

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is pressing ACT to provide scores for invalidated tests taken by an estimated 1,300 students in this year’s first statewide administration of college readiness exams. The department is also pressing the matter with state procurement officials

### **ACT Official Won’t Explain Ohio Students’ Test Snafu Due to “Security” – Columbus Dispatch**

- Hundreds of students in Reynoldsburg and several other Ohio school districts had their ACT scores invalidated, but state officials are urging the college-entrance-testing company to reconsider

### **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Draft Sections of Template – ODE**

- As draft sections are presented to the State Board for discussion, they will be posted to the document list below. We welcome additional feedback

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## ***Ohio School Finance & Budget***

### **Budget Subcommittees Report to Finance Committee; Democrats Preview Amendments – Hannah**

- Sen. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) began the testimony, describing the 121 witnesses that appeared before the Primary and Secondary Education Finance Subcommittee. He said the big topic was about caps and guarantees, but there were also numerous other witnesses on career tech, education tech or tech prep, the latter on which he said they learned much. His subcommittee also took testimony on school choice, charters and independent schools, and ESCs and RESA

### **Obhof Expects to Fill Bigger Budget Shortfall – Hannah**

- While revenue results for May aren't expected for another few days, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) told reporters Thursday that he expects the Senate will be having to fill a bigger budget shortfall than the \$800 million previously announced

### **Senate Eyes Changes to Medicaid, School Funding – Columbus Dispatch**

- Among its budget changes, the Ohio Senate is not expected to force the Kasich administration to ask permission before spending any money on Medicaid expansion, and is looking to reduce the number of schools facing funding cuts

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## ***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

### **State Control of Lorain Schools Aims to Be Partnership, Not a “Hijack” – Cleveland Plain Dealer**

- John Kasich's new state intervention system for "failing" school districts started its oversight of the Lorain schools with none of the resentment and opposition that has plagued similar efforts in Youngstown

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## ***Ohio Schools***

### **Ohio School District Fights High Chronic Absenteeism Rate – AP/Columbus Dispatch**

- An Ohio school district is fighting chronic absenteeism rates that see nearly one in four students missing multiple days of school a year. About 24 percent of students in Lorain city schools in northern Ohio are chronically absent, meaning students miss about 18 days a year

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## ***Ohio Local Government***

### **Dems Say State, Local Governments Needs Fresh Start – Hannah**

- The state needs to repair its relationship with municipalities after years of shifting the tax burden to local governments, Democratic city leaders said

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## ***Ohio Reports***

### **Education Savings Accounts: Expanding Education Options for Ohio – Buckeye Institute**

- Education Savings Accounts (ESA) represent the next wave of school choice and have been embraced across the country. ESAs are specialized accounts administered by the state on behalf of parents and may only be spent on certain educational products or services. ESAs empower parents to customize their child's education by giving them control over how to spend the state paid share of their child's education funding. ESAs also provide incentives for parents to find the best education options at competitive price

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## **NATIONAL/WORLD**

### ***Federal & US Department of Education***

#### **Trump Budget Cuts Aimed at Safety-Net Programs Worries Advocates for Minority Communities – AP**

- It would defund and cut at least 10 percent of key civil rights enforcement positions across the government, including positions at the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Legal Services Corporation, which helped more than 2

million low-income individuals with legal representation last year, advocates said

#### **Governors to Congress: Don't Shortchange Us on ESSA, Special Ed – EdWeek**

- In a May 25 letter to the four top federal lawmakers responsible for funding the U.S. Department of Education, Gov. Brian Sandoval, R-Nev., and Gov. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., urged Congress to "prioritize investments" in programs related to the Every Student Succeeds Act, career and technical education, and elsewhere

#### **Trump Budget Draws Ire, Tepid Support from School Choice World – EdWeek**

- Prominent players in the school choice world are hardly mooning over Trump's plans to sink \$1.4 billion into private and public school choice

#### **USDOE Launches New IDEA Website – USDOE**

- Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos directed the Department to expedite the development of a new, updated and more robust site specific to the IDEA after the Department's Building the Legacy: IDEA 2004 (Legacy) site experienced a prolonged outage in February due to technical issues

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### ***Education Policy & Finance***

#### **7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Appeals Court Rules for Transgender Student on Restroom Use – EdWeek**

- A federal appeals court on Tuesday upheld an injunction requiring a Wisconsin school district to allow a transgender high school student to use the boys restroom, ruling that Title IX and the U.S. Constitution's equal-protection clause support the student who was born female, but now identifies as male

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### ***Standards & Assessments***

#### **Is Your Child Showing Grit? School Report Cards Rate Students' 9 Soft Skills – EdWeek**

- Where report cards may have once had a handwritten teacher's note saying a student "plays well with others," parents in some districts are now more likely to see a box that shows whether their child performs at grade level in such areas as "relationship skills"

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## ***Teacher Effectiveness***

### **States Struggle to Define Ineffective Teachers under ESSA – EdWeek**

- Teacher evaluations—both their role and the mechanics of carrying them out  
↳ are a politically fraught subject, and the Every Student Succeeds Act has kicked the dust up once again as states wrestle with how to comply with teacher-quality sections of the new law

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## ***Personalized Learning Frameworks***

### **Personalized Learning Could Get a Boost with Increased Local Control – Education Dive**

- Federal and state policy seems to be opening the door to greater innovation at the school level

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## ***Charter Schools***

### **Charter School Funding: Inequity in the City – University of Arkansas Department of Education Reform**

- This is the first study of funding inequities to concentrate on revenue disparities between charters and traditional public schools where charters are most common metropolitan areas across the country. The 15 urban areas that inform our study include Atlanta, Boston, Camden, Denver, Houston, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, New Orleans, New York City, Oakland, San Antonio, Tulsa, and Washington

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## ***School Improvement***

### **Start with the Facts: Denver Public Schools 2017 – A+ Colorado**

- This report explores performance data from the past four years, showing that Denver has moved to the middle of the pack of Colorado districts. This next decade of work in Denver Public Schools will require that the district move from average to great. This will be even more challenging, and require collaboration and commitment from the district and the entire Denver community to ensure that all of our children receive an excellent education. It

is no longer about whether the district has these systems in place; it is about the efficacy of these systems and how equitable they are

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## ***Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth***

### **What We're Missing: A Descriptive Analysis of Part-Day Absenteeism in Secondary School – AERA Open**

- Our results extend and modify the extant findings on absenteeism that have been based almost exclusively on full-day absenteeism, missing class-by-class absences. Notably, part-day absenteeism is responsible for as many classes missed as full-day absenteeism, raising chronic absenteeism from 9% to 24% of secondary-grades students. Incorporating part-day absences sharply increases the chronic absenteeism gap between underrepresented minority students and their peers

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## ***Mental Health & Wellness***

### **School Lunch Quality and Academic Performance ↗ 0 National Bureau of Economic Research**

- Students at schools that contract with a healthy school lunch vendor score higher on CA state achievement tests, with larger test score increases for students who are eligible for reduced price or free school lunches. We do not find any evidence that healthier school lunches lead to a decrease in obesity rates

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## ***Early Learning***

### **Free Play for Flashcards? New Study Nods to More Rigorous Preschools – New York Times**

- The study found that by the end of kindergarten, children who had attended one year of “academic-oriented preschool” outperformed peers who had attended less academic-focused preschools by, on average, the equivalent of two and a half months of learning in literacy and math

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## ***Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness***

### **Is Your Child Showing Grit? School Report Cards Rate Students? 9 Soft Skills**

– EdWeek

- Where report cards may have once had a handwritten teacher's note saying a student "plays well with others," parents in some districts are now more likely to see a box that shows whether their child performs at grade level in such areas as "relationship skills"

### **Building Competencies for Careers – Center on Education Policy**

- This report draws on information from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Information Network (O\*NET) to better understand the value of deeper learning competencies in the labor market. O\*NET uses surveys of employees and occupational experts to determine the important characteristics and requirements of more than 900 occupations. CEP researchers and other experts "linked" the knowledge, skills, abilities and work styles required for a diverse sample of 300-plus O\*NET occupations to the deeper learning competencies as defined by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. The report finds that students will be better prepared for fast-growing jobs if they develop academic mindsets, learn how to communicate effectively, and take an analytical approach to solving problems

### **Second Thoughts about Higher Education Decisions – Inside Higher Ed**

- Most former college students say they would change either their major, college attended or credential pursued if they could do it all over again, survey finds

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## ***Postsecondary***

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# Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

## **HOUSE**

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS:** House Finance Committee

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS:** Passed by House, Vote 95-2

**HB14** AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS:** House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

**HB21** COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB37** SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee -- Substitute bill accepted

**HB40** GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**STATUS:** House State & Local Government Committee

**HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY** (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49 OPERATING BUDGET** (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 58-36**

**HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES** (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB66 TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS** (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB74 INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77 SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE** (Rep. Wes Retherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY** (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS** (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-1**

**HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL** (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR** (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS** (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House High Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION** (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS** (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE** (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS** (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE** (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging

initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS** (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS** (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee**

**HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE** (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS** (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING** (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments

**STATUS: Introduced**

**HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS** (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) Passed by House amended on Floor, Vote 96-1; Emergency clause, Vote 95-2; Senate concurs with House amendments, Vote 30-1; Emergency clause, Vote 30-1**

**SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34 SCHOOL YEARS** (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS** (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW** (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION** (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Sen. Matt Huffman)  
To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project  
Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY** (Sen. Louis Terhar) To  
modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision  
commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to  
clarify the duties of that political subdivision  
**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION** (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen.  
Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study  
Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional  
economic development alliances  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To  
prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To  
designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"  
**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school  
zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate  
the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an  
appropriation  
**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS** (Sen. William Coley) To limit the  
right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the  
county recorder of the county in which the property is located  
**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS** (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify  
students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio  
College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for  
community colleges' career certification programs  
**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To  
require the Education Management Information System to include information  
regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline

was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149** ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151** SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2017 11:32 AM  
**To:** House\_All  
**Subject:** EXTENDED: Co-Sponsor Request: Reduced Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees  
**Attachments:** Co-Sponsor Request - Reducing Mandated Sick Days for Public Employees.pdf

The deadline to co-sponsor has been extended to **Tuesday, June 20 at 5pm!**



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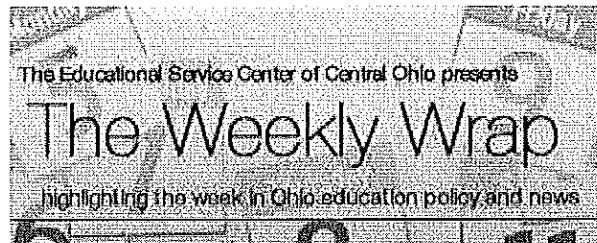
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**OHIO SENATE RELEASES BUDGET PROPOSAL** – *The Ohio Senate released its budget proposal this week as Substitute House Bill 49 addressing a shortfall of close to \$1 billion. Regarding school funding, the proposal adds \$154 million in FY18 and \$117 million in FY19. 535 school districts would receive an increase or retain current funding levels. Other provisions include: elimination of the Resident Educator Program; elimination of the Local Government Innovation Fund and Straight A Fund; a reduction in appropriations for the Community Connectors program and community school facilities; elimination of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies state assessments; and more: (NOTE: Education- and local government-related Ohio legislation updates are included at the end of each Wrap.)*

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**HB49OPERATING BUDGET** (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget  
STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee – Substitute bill accepted

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**REDUCTIONS** – *Partially embracing the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Assessments, State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria recommended that the state reduce its state assessment system by four tests. The four tests recommended for elimination were the 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies assessment, the English Language Arts I end-of course exam, the American government end-of-course exam, and the WorkKeys job skills assessment. He also presented a recommendation to eliminate any assessments whose sole purpose is to provide data on student growth for teacher evaluations. To enact any assessment recommendations, changes in law would need to be made by the Ohio General Assembly.*

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## **CHILLICOTHE CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Schools Dealing with New Funding Cuts – Chillicothe Gazette**

- The Chillicothe City Schools stand to lose a little more than \$100,000 between the Title I and Title II-A funding sources

## **COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Sealed Bids Aren't Being Used for Some Columbus Schools Renovation Contracts – Columbus Dispatch**

- Instead, the district used an approach that state law has allowed since 2011 that selects firms based on a scoring system designed to get the "best value" rather than "the strict hard bid," said Alex Trevino, the district's director of capital improvements

### **Columbus Teachers Rally to Push District toward a New Contract**

- With its two-year contract deal running out when the school year starts this August, the union representing Columbus City Schools teachers is getting antsy that it doesn't yet have a new agreement

### **Columbus Schools Again Skip Bidding Process for Roof Contract**

- In the midst of a campaign by minority vendors to press Columbus City Schools for more contracts, the district Tuesday continued its experimentation with handing firms construction work absent sealed, competitive bids

### **Company with \$1.25 Million Columbus School Contract Has Troubled Past – Columbus Dispatch**

- The company Columbus City Schools gave \$1.25 million in roofing work without competitive bidding just settled a multimillion-dollar lawsuit with the state over defective school roofs and paid the federal government \$65 million in 2013 for failing to provide taxpayers with required discounts that it gave other customers

### **Treasurer Wary of Proposed Funding Cap – This Week**

- Columbus City Schools officials are keeping a watchful eye on the state biennial budget process, which could result in significant shortfalls in funding to the district

## **DELAWARE AREA CAREER CENTER**

### **DACC to Halt Construction and Consider Levies – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware Area Career Center Board of Education will meet Thursday night to consider formally halting all construction at the consolidated campus and discuss the next step for the repeat of their renewal levy

### **Legislation Gives New Life to DACC Levy – This Week**

- A new legislative proposal would allow the final votes for a November 2015 ballot issue to be cast this fall

## **DELAWARE CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Construction Phase 3 Underway at Hayes – Delaware Gazette**

- The third phase of construction is under way at Delaware Hayes High School

### **Delaware School Board takes First Step toward Emergency Levy This November – Delaware Gazette**

- The Delaware City Schools Board of Education took a first step toward placing an emergency levy on the ballot this November at its regular board meeting

## **DUBLIN CITY SCHOOLS**

### **Ballot Issue Considered for 2018 – This Week**

- The Dublin City School District is expected to seek a ballot issue in 2018, but details of the request still are being worked out

## **GAHANNA-JEFFERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

### **District Must Start Search for Treasurer – This Week**

- Julio Valladares, 14-year treasurer of the Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools, has announced he's leaving the district to become treasurer of Newark City Schools

## **GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOLS**

### **District Leaders Cull Options, Feedback on Buildings' Future – This Week**

- Grandview Heights City School District Superintendent Andy Culp last week presented a winnowed list of three potential options for addressing the district's \$44 million in deferred maintenance and capital improvements at its three school buildings

## **GROVEPORT MADISON LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Groveport Madison Switches Cruiser Academy from Charter to Regular School – Columbus Dispatch**

- The Groveport Madison school district is out of the charter school business, at least for now

### **Gifted Classes Consolidated at Sedalia – This Week**

- When classes resume Aug. 14, the Groveport Madison school district will embark on a consolidation program that will assign 130 elementary students identified as gifted to Sedalia Elementary School

## **HILLIARD CITY SCHOOLS**

### **School Year in the Books Laid Foundation for Future – This Week Hilliard Schools Connection**

- John Marschhausen, superintendent of Hilliard City Schools, writes that regardless of the next chapter in their personal narrative, each student has the skills to be successful

### **Summer Enrichment Camp Puts Students Back in Classroom – This Week**

- The Summer Enrichment Camp is in its third season, said Billy Giacomelli, a music teacher at Darby Creek Elementary School who coordinated the camp

### **Developers Considering Project Near J.W. Reason – This Week**

- Superintendent John Marschhausen has expressed concern about any restaurant that specializes in breakfast fare because a high volume of customer traffic would coincide with the start of the school day at J.W. Reason

## **LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOLS**

### **Licking Heights' Five-Year Forecast Includes Deficit – Newark Advocate**

- The first four years of Licking Heights Local Schools' new five-year forecast present a mostly-positive outlook, but the same cannot be said for the fifth year

## **MARYSVILLE SCHOOLS**

### **TRI Academy Preparing for Inaugural Season – This Week**

- The Marysville school district's newest principal said she intends to narrow her focus in her role at the TRI Academy

#### **Deis Guided Surge in School Tech at Marysville – Marysville Journal-Tribune**

- Chris Deis says he believes that when he looks back, the four years he has spent in Marysville will be the best of his career

### **NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Board Mulls PI Levy for Fall Ballot – This Week**

- New Albany-Plain Local school board members are considering whether to move forward with a permanent-improvements levy for the November general election

### **OLENTANGY LOCAL SCHOOLS**

#### **Construction on Time for Berlin High School – Delaware Gazette**

- The consultant for the Olentangy schools' fourth high school project gave what he called "a long-winded" way to say the building's construction was on schedule

#### **Olentangy Approves Contracts, Salary Adjustments – Delaware Gazette**

- The Olentangy Board of Education approved Thursday two collective bargaining agreements and salary increases for non-union employees and school district administrators

### **REYNOLDSBURG CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Parents Step Up to Confront Bullying – This Week**

- A group of Reynoldsburg parents is tackling bullying issues and hoping to find solutions and suggestions to bring to school-district leaders

#### **Stable Outlook Keeps District Off Ballot – This Week**

- With a positive cash balance projected through 2021, Reynoldsburg City Schools' financial outlook means the district could avoid putting an operating levy on the ballot in the near future

### **SOUTH-WESTERN CITY SCHOOLS**

#### **Digital Citizenship Now Large Piece of Education – This Week South-Western Subject Matter**

- Bradford Faust, assistant superintendent of curriculum at South-Western City Schools, writes that as technology improves, our students must learn to be proficient and appropriate users at school and home

## UPPER ARLINGTON CITY SCHOOLS

### Community Driven Process Leads to Ballot Issue – This Week School Notes

- Paul Imhoff, superintendent of Upper Arlington City Schools, writes that on June 6, the Upper Arlington Board of Education took the first step toward putting our community's master plan for our schools into action

## WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

### Raises, Higher Insurance Costs in Store for District's Classified Personnel – This Week

- More than 300 Whitehall City School District employees are under contract until 2020 after Whitehall school board members June 1 approved a collective-bargaining agreement with the district's classified personnel

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## *Ohio Department of Education/State Board of Education*

### ACT to Score Incorrect Versions of Paper Tests Taken by Ohio Students – Columbus Dispatch

- ACT has agreed to score the tests of hundreds of Ohio students that the testing organization had previously invalidated

### Charter Enforcement Actions, Strategic Discussions on School Board Agenda – Hannah

- The State Board of Education could take a key step next week in the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) multimillion dollar dispute with Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT), and also is poised to take action that could prompt two other charter schools to shut down. Most of the time for the two-day meeting, however, is dedicated to "strategic work sessions" for the board

### School Board Moves to Recover \$60 Million from ECOT – Hannah

- The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) will move to recover \$60 million from Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow (ECOT) after the State Board of Education voted Monday to accept a hearing officer's report finding the online charter school could not substantiate much of its enrollment

### Advisory Panel Sends Testing Cutback Ideas to DeMaria – Hannah

- Draft recommendations of a study panel to be submitted to State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria call for the state to substantially pare back its student assessment requirements, eliminating tests not required by federal law

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**Convenient Way to Upload Your District's 2017 Career Advising Policy – ODE**

- The Ohio Department of Education has added the Career Advising Policy required in Ohio law to the compliance dashboard in SAFE. Now, superintendents or designees can upload their biennially reviewed policy in the compliance web system

**WorkKeys Reimbursement – ODE**

- State law provides the opportunity for districts and schools to administer the WorkKeys test one time at no cost for any student that opts to take it. The Department will reimburse districts for the cost of one full administration of the test for all students

**Requirements for Foster Care Students – ODE**

- ESSA requires that your district or community school designate a point of contact for the education stability of children in foster care for the 2017-2018 school year. Additionally, Dec. 10, 2016 was the deadline to have procedures on file for best interest determinations and the transportation of students in foster care

**Ohio's Learning Standards for Technology – ODE**

- The 2017 Ohio Learning Standards in Technology are the work of Ohio educators. Education professionals from across the state made up the Advisory Committee and Working Group responsible for revising the 2003 Standards

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## ***Joint Education Oversight Committee***

### **JEOC Hears Presentation from Representatives of State Education Deans Group – Hannah**

- The Joint Education Oversight Committee (JEOC) Thursday heard from Erica Brownstein, chair of the State University Education Deans (SUED) group and assistant dean for the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University (OSU); and Dawn Shinew, dean of the Bowling Green State University (BGSU) College of Education, who discussed teacher preparedness at state institutions

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### **State Revenues Come In Under Estimates Again; Shortfall for New Year Now Totals \$840.8 Million – Hannah**

- The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Tuesday released its preliminary figures for May, reporting that revenues continued to come in under estimates. Revenues fell \$67.0 million short for the month although officials said they continue to expect the state to finish the year in the black. This brings the year's shortfall to nearly \$840.8 million with one month left in FY17

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**SERS Cost-of-Living Debate Moves to Budget – Hannah**

- Another union presented its opposition to legislation allowing cutbacks in inflationary pension payments from the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), but the proposal picked up steam this week after senators amended the legislation into the state budget bill

**GOP Drops Kasich-Requested Funds for Local Innovation – Columbus Dispatch**

- Those changes include the elimination of the Local Government Innovation Fund and the Straight-A Fund, which have combined to award about \$320 million in grants and loans to communities and schools in recent years

**Senate Democrats Target Business Deduction Repeal to Fund Budget Priorities – Hannah**

- Senate Democrats laid out a biennial budget framework Thursday to infuse \$200 million into anti-addiction efforts, forestall losses for school districts and boost need-based college aid, all financed by dumping the small business tax deduction Republicans enacted in recent years

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***Ohio Education & Public Policy***

**New Study Touts Benefits of Open Enrollment at Public School Districts – Columbus Dispatch**

- A report commissioned by the pro-school-choice Thomas B. Fordham Institute found that Ohio students who transfer to other school districts through open enrollment tend to improve academically — or at least do no worse

**Ohio's Public-Employee Pensions Face Cutbacks – Columbus Dispatch**

- Although the funds have been mostly reliable and financially sound for decades, recent economic downturns, soaring health-care and prescription-drug costs, and the increased longevity of retirees have taken a toll. Several of the funds are reducing or eliminating cost-of-living adjustments, cutting subsidies and increasing health-care premiums

**Retirement Council Endorses School Employees COLA – Hannah**

- The Ohio Retirement Study Council reaffirmed its support Thursday for granting the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) authority to freeze cost-of-living adjustments and tie future inflationary payments to inflation, and also endorsed various proposed changes to the Highway Patrol Retirement System (HPRS)

#### **Governor Signs Four Bills – Hannah**

- Gov. John Kasich Tuesday signed four bills including SB9 (Bacon) which provides for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August

#### **Ohio Makes Gains in Latest National Rankings for Child Well-Being – Hannah**

- Ohio is making headway in providing children with the resources and support they need to thrive, the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)-Ohio said Tuesday. That observation is based on the state's ranking of 24th in overall child well-being, according to the 2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book released by the Annie E. Casey Foundation

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### ***Ohio Schools***

#### **ECOT Ordered to Repay \$60 Million for Inflating Attendance – Columbus Dispatch**

- Republicans and Democrats, school-choice proponents and opponents, appointees of Gov. John Kasich and those elected independently agreed Monday: Online school giant ECOT must repay \$60 million in state aid for grossly inflating its attendance figures

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#### **Department of Higher Education Announces Innovation Program Awards – Hannah**

- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) has approved \$5 million in funding for projects that will enhance the quality of higher education throughout the state while making it more affordable for students by

stabilizing or reducing tuition rates at colleges and universities. According to ODHE, the schools receiving the funds designed collaborative, innovative projects that support academic achievement and economic efficiencies. The funds will be awarded for projects serving students at the community college and university levels

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### ***Ohio Reports***

#### **Interdistrict Open Enrollment in Ohio: Participation and Student Outcomes – Fordham Institute**

- The report yields the following findings: 1. Consistent open enrollment is associated with modest but positive test-score gains 2. African American open enrollees appear to make substantial gains 3. Open enrollment throughout high school boosts the probability of on-time graduation

#### **How Is Policy Affecting Classroom Instruction? – Brookings**

- This paper uses new state-representative teacher survey data to characterize the degree of standards implementation across three states—Kentucky, Ohio, and Texas

#### **The State of Preschool 2016 – National Institute for Early Education Research**

- This Yearbook presents data on state-funded preschool during the 2015-2016 school year and documents more than a decade of change in state preschool since the first Yearbook collected data on the 2001-2002 school year
- Ohio is profiled [here](#)

#### **Ohio: State Progress on the Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness – Civic Enterprises/America's Promise Alliance/School House Connection/ICPH USA**

- We've released 50 state progress reports that summarize available state-level data on student homelessness so that states can more clearly understand how they are faring on this important issue, and start the conversation with community leaders, policymakers, schools, and nonprofits on how to collectively address the challenges that student homelessness present

### **2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book = 2 Annie E. Casey Foundation**

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- See Ohio's profile [here](#). The state ranked 24<sup>th</sup> overall.

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## **NATIONAL/WORLD**

### ***Federal & US Department of Education***

#### **States Move from ESSA Planning to ESSA Training – EdWeek**

- While a policy may look good on paper, whether teachers, principals, and superintendents have the right tools, staff, and training to collect the right data, fill out the right forms, and use school intervention methods as intended will determine whether state plans ultimately improve student outcomes

#### **Senators Hammer at DeVos on Planned Budget Cuts, Proposed Vouchers – EdWeek**

- Senators had a clear message for U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a budget hearing [here](#): Don't get too attached to your budget proposal

#### **Opening Statement of U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Chairman Blunt, Ranking Member Murray and Members of the Subcommittee – USDOE**

#### **Education Budget Hearing Exposes Chasm between GOP and Trump – US News & World Report**

- Nearly every GOP member of the Senate appropriations subcommittee criticized aspects of the education spending plan

#### **DeVos Delivers Tough Love to Charter School Advocates – US News & World Report**

- Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Tuesday delivered a gut check to thousands of charter schools advocates gathered in Washington, D.C.,

reminding them that when it comes to school choice they are not the only player

**Prepared Remarks by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos to the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools – USDOE**

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**State Transparency on College and Career Readiness – Achieve**

- Before we can improve high school graduates' readiness for success, educators, parents, and states have to have a complete picture of how students are actually doing. This new set of reports evaluates the transparency of every state's public reporting on eight indicators of college and career readiness

**Accountability Pressure: Regression Discontinuity Estimates of How No Child Left Behind Influenced Student Behavior – Economics of Education Review**

- In this paper we examine how failing to make adequate yearly progress under No Child Left Behind (NCLB), and the accountability pressure that ensues, affects various non-achievement student behaviors

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## ***Standards & Assessments***

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### **Market Is Booming for Digital Formative Assessments – EdWeek**

- As more students have access to computers in K-12 classrooms each year, teachers are turning more often to those devices for the age-old practice of conducting formative assessment

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### ***Teacher Effectiveness***

#### **Best State-Level Practices for Teacher Leadership Outlined in Report – EdWeek**

- How can states meaningfully engage teacher leaders? A new policy brief from Chiefs for Change, a nonprofit organization for district and state education chiefs, outlines a broad framework for what makes an effective, sustainable teacher leadership system

#### **What Elements Make Teacher Professional Development High Quality? – EdWeek**

- A report last fall found that the majority of professional development—80 percent—doesn't align with the new federal definition of high-quality training. So, what is working?

#### **Bridging the Gap: Data-Driven and Classroom-Focused – Frontline Research & Learning Institute**

- The final installment in a series exploring the new federal definition of professional development — uses the framework of a school district's transition over the last decade and a half to help make meaning of professional learning data gathered from a representative sample of 203 school districts over five years across the United States. Whereas previous reports in the series have delved deeply into unpacking the definitions of each of the six professional learning quality criteria outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act, this fourth installment will follow the exemplar of Greece Central School District and examine its efforts to make meaning out of a crowded and often confusing marketplace for professional learning opportunities

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#### **Policy Analysis: Voucher Programs – ECS**

- The analysis explores implementation of voucher programs across the states, including funding, requirements and accountability

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### **Who's Helping and Who's Hurting? New National Study Looks at How Charter Networks Measure Up, from KIPP to K12 – Chalkbeat**

- Some charter school networks are significantly improving student achievement, but others are harming student learning. That's the conclusion of the latest study from CREDO, a Stanford-based research group that has released some of the highest-profile research on charter schools

### **Charter Management Organizations 2017 – Stanford University's CREDO**

- We examine the performance of charter networks compared to traditional public schools (TPS) and independent charter schools. A chief focus of this study is the management arrangement of the school and the impact it has on the school's performance, as measured by student academic progress

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## ***Achievement Gaps***

### **If They Think I Can: Teacher Bias and Youth of Color Expectations and Achievement – Social Science Research**

- A recent study in the Social Science Research journal investigated teacher bias and its profound effects on student achievement

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## ***Dropout Prevention & Re-Engaging Youth***

### **Student Mobility Takes an Academic Toll. But Why? – EdWeek**

- Parents and educators have long documented and witnessed firsthand the psychological and academic toll of a child having to move to a new school midyear. But how students, families, and schools rebound from the moves is still a sort of black box for researchers

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### **Inclusion, Career and Technical Education Help Students with Disabilities – EdWeek**

- Students with disabilities who spend at least 80 percent of their school day in general education courses have higher rates of on-time graduation, college attendance, and employment than students with disabilities who are similar in other ways, but who spend less time in general education, according to a new study

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## ***Early Learning***

### **The State of Preschool 2016 – National Institute for Early Education Research**

- This Yearbook presents data on state-funded preschool during the 2015-2016 school year and documents more than a decade of change in state preschool since the first Yearbook collected data on the 2001-2002 school year

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## ***Career- and Postsecondary-Readiness***

### **State Transparency on College and Career Readiness – Achieve**

- Before we can improve high school graduates' readiness for success, educators, parents, and states have to have a complete picture of how students are actually doing. This new set of reports evaluates the transparency of every state's public reporting on eight indicators of college and career readiness

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## ***Postsecondary***

### **Double-Edged Sword of Dual Enrollment**

- For community colleges, high school students are a growing population to serve, but some fear a lack of financial base for the programs amid fears they may be masking large declines in other enrollments

### **The Telltale Data that Can Identify College Students at Risk**

- In 2014, a consortium of 11 large, public research universities joined forces with the goal of increasing retention and graduation rates among roughly 400,000 undergraduate students around the country

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## ***Leadership***

### **Best State-Level Practices for Teacher Leadership Outlined in Report – EdWeek**

- How can states meaningfully engage teacher leaders? A new policy brief from Chiefs for Change, a nonprofit organization for district and state education chiefs, outlines a broad framework for what makes an effective, sustainable teacher leadership system

### **Leader Tracking Systems: Turning Data into Information for School Leadership – Wallace Foundation**

- School districts are awash with data on matters ranging from the education and career experiences of employees to the demographics and performance of schools. By compiling such data within a single online system, six large school districts are seeking to unleash the power of information to build a bigger corps of effective principals and assistant principals, according to this report

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# Ohio Legislation Update

(Recent bill action in RED. Signed into law by Governor in GREEN.)

## ***HOUSE***

**HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Christina Hagan) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations

**STATUS:** House Finance Committee

**HB8** PUBLIC RECORDS-MINORS (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To exempt from the Public Records Law certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle in which the minor was an occupant at the time of the accident

**STATUS:** (Passed by House) Referred to Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee

**HB14**AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (Rep. Kathleen Clyde) To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically unless those persons decline and to expand how a voter may register or update their registration through the online voter registration system

**STATUS:** House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

**HB21**COMMUNITY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION (Rep. Steve Hambley) Regarding verification of community school enrollments

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee

**HB37**SCHOOL SAFETY-STRUCTURES (Rep. Steve Arndt) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS:** House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Substitute bill accepted

**HB40 GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE** (Rep. Jonathan Dever, Rep. Dave Greenspan) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB47 STUDENTS IN MILITARY** (Rep. John Boccieri) To enact the "Students to Soldiers Support Act (S3A)" regarding the participation of students who are serving in the uniformed services in extracurricular activities at public and nonpublic schools and public and private colleges

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB49 OPERATING BUDGET** (Rep. Ryan Smith) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Finance Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB51 DEPARTMENT REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Rep. Keith Faber) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB53 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES** (Rep. John Becker) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB58 CURSIVE HANDWRITING INSTRUCTION** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Marilyn Slaby) To require instruction in cursive handwriting

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB66 TENURED TEACHING REQUIREMENTS** (Rep. Ron Young) To require permanently tenured state university or college faculty members to teach at least three credit hours of undergraduate courses per semester

**STATUS: Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee – Substitute bill accepted**

**HB74 INCREASE COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. Stephen Huffman, Rep. Theresa Gavarone) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for

contributions to the state's 529 college savings program from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per beneficiary per year

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB77SICK-CHILD CARE LICENSURE** (Rep. Wes Rutherford) To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB80SCHOOL FOOD-SUMMER INTERVENTION** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette, Rep. Kent Smith) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**HB87COMMUNITY SCHOOL PUBLIC MONEYS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner) Regarding public moneys returned to the state as a result of a finding for recovery issued pursuant to an audit of a community school

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB89AUGUST SALES TAX HOLIDAY** (Rep. John Patterson, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB98CAREER INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS** (Rep. Mike Duffey, Rep. Kristin Boggs) Regarding the presentation of career information to students

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB102 SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To replace locally levied school district property taxes with a statewide property tax and require recipients of certain tax exemptions to reimburse the state for such levy revenue lost due to those exemptions; to increase the state sales and use tax rates and allocate additional revenue to state education purposes; to repeal school district income taxes; to require the Treasurer of State to issue general obligation bonds to refund certain school district debt obligations; to create a new system of funding schools where the state pays a specified amount per student that each student may use to attend the public or chartered nonpublic school of the student's choice, without the requirement of a local contribution; to eliminate the School Facilities Commission; to eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program, Pilot Project Scholarship Program, Autism Scholarship Program, and Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program; to eliminate interdistrict open enrollment; to require educational service centers to transport students on a countywide basis; and to permit school districts to enter into a memoranda of understanding for one district to manage another

**STATUS: House Finance Committee**

**HB103 FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by House, Vote 96-1**

**HB108 INFORMED STUDENT DOCUMENT ACT** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Robert McColley) To require one-half unit of financial literacy in the high school curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act"

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB110 COLLEGE CREDIT APPRENTICESHIPS** (Rep. Christina Hagan, Rep. Bill Dean) To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB118 TAX COMPLAINT DISMISSAL** (Rep. Derek Merrin) To expressly prohibit the dismissal of a property tax complaint for failure to correctly identify the property owner

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**HB124 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY** (Rep. Andrew Brenner, Rep. Rick Carfagna) To authorize a joint vocational school district to submit the question of a renewal tax levy to voters who did not have an opportunity to vote on the levy at an election held in November of 2015 because the levy was only placed on the ballot in one of several counties in which the district has territory

**STATUS: (Passed by House) Senate Ways & Means Committee – Bill amended**

**HB129 SCHOOL EXTERNSHIPS-GOVERNOR** (Rep. Kent Smith, Rep. Brigid Kelly) To require the Governor to complete a forty-hour externship consisting of on-site work experience in city, local, and exempted village school districts in the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee**

**HB134 SCHOOL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS** (Rep. Steve Hambley, Rep. Darrell Kick) To allow community improvements board grants to a school district to be spent for permanent improvements outside the county so long as the improvements are within the school district

**STATUS: House State & Local Government Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB163 PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS** (Rep. Kristina Roegner, Rep. Craig Riedel) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee**

**HB166 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM REVISIONS** (Rep. William Reineke, Rep. Bob Cupp) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: House High Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB170 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION** (Rep. Rick Carfagna, Rep. Mike Duffey) With regard to academic content standards and curriculum requirements for computer science; to revise educator qualifications regarding computer science; to create a competitive technology grant program for the 2018-2019 school year; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB176 SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS** (Rep. Andrew Thompson) With regard to state achievement assessments, statewide academic content standards and model curricula, and teacher and administrator evaluations

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB179 IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE** (Rep. Candice Keller) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB181 ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT STANDARDS** (Rep. Ron Hood, Rep. Tom Brinkman) With regard to the state academic content standards and primary and secondary education assessments

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB186 COLLEGE TAX DEDUCTION** (Rep. John Rogers, Rep. Gary Scherer) To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow an individual obtaining a postsecondary degree or credential from an eligible educational institution to claim an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses

**STATUS: House Ways & Means Committee**

**HB200 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Koehler, K) - To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program  
**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB203 YOUTH SUMMER JOBS INITIATIVE** (Barnes, Jr., J) - To require the Director of Development Services to establish a youth summer jobs pledging initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB217 COLLEGE APPLICATIONS-DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** (Rep. Andrew Brenner) To prohibit institutions of higher education from requiring students to disclose disciplinary actions on their applications for admission

**STATUS: House Higher Education & Workforce Development Committee**

**HB220 NONPUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDS** (Rep. David Leland) With regard to the use of funds by community schools and nonpublic schools

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB224 RE-SERVING SCHOOL LUNCH ITEMS** (Rep. Catherine Ingram) To permit districts and schools to re-serve time- and temperature-controlled food items to students if items are unused and returned unopened, undamaged, and in the original packaging

**STATUS: House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB227 LICENSE PLATE-KENSTON LOCAL SCHOOLS** (Rep. Sarah LaTourette) To create the "Kenston Local Schools" license plate

**STATUS: House Transportation & Public Safety Committee – Reported out as amended**

**HB235 EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT PROCEDURE** (Rep. Theresa Gavarone) Regarding procedures for approval or disapproval of the state education plan for the federal Every Student Succeeds Act

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB237 MULTICOUNTY LOCAL ELECTIONS** (Rep. Dorothy Pelanda) To require a political subdivision with territory in more than one county that places an issue on the ballot to notify the board of elections of every county in which the political subdivision has territory, to require the Secretary of State to establish a database to facilitate communication between the boards of elections and the Secretary concerning local elections, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Referred to House Government Accountability & Oversight Committee**

**HB242 SCHOOL RETIREMENT-COST OF LIVING** (Rep. Rick Carfagna) Regarding School Employees Retirement System annual cost-of-living adjustments  
**STATUS: Referred to House Aging & Long Term Care Committee**

**HB246 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY CLASSROOMS** (Rep. John Boccieri, Rep. Jeffrey Rezabek) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to provide funding to certain county boards of developmental disabilities to assist in the acquisition of classroom facilities

**STATUS: Referred to House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**HB262 INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS** (Rep. James Butler, Jr., Rep. Mark Romanchuk) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook

**STATUS: Introduced**

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## **SENATE**

**SB3 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** (Sen. Bill Beagle, Sen. Troy Balderson) To revise the laws governing the state's workforce development system, programs that may be offered by primary and secondary schools, certificates of qualification for employment, and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency, and to designate the first week of May as In-Demand Jobs Week

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB5 INCREASING INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS** (Sen. Jay Hottinger, Sen. John Eklund) To increase the maximum income tax deduction for contributions to college savings accounts and disability expense savings accounts to \$10,000 annually for each beneficiary, to create the Joint Committee on Ohio College Affordability, and to declare an emergency

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee – Reported out as amended; Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0; Emergency clause, Vote 32-1**

**SB8 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY** (Sen. Randy Gardner, Sen. Louis Terhar) To require the Ohio School Facilities Commission to establish a program assisting school districts in purchasing technology and making physical alterations to improve technology infrastructure and school safety and security

**STATUS: (Passed by Senate) House Education & Career Readiness Committee**

**SB9 AUGUST TAX HOLIDAY** (Sen. Kevin Bacon) To provide for a three-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2017 during which sales of clothing and school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes

**STATUS: Signed by Governor – Effective immediately**

**SB10 PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 32-0**

**SB15 COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, and to require the Director of Administrative Services to establish guidelines for these entities, and the Northeast Ohio Medical University, to establish procurement goals for contracting with EDGE business enterprises

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB34 SCHOOL YEARS** (Sen. Gayle Manning) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB36 AGRICULTURAL COMPUTATION** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To require that the computation of the capitalization rate for the purposes of determining CAUV of agricultural land be computed using a method that excludes appreciation and equity buildup and to stipulate that CAUV land used for a conservation practice or enrolled in a federal land retirement or conservation program for at least three years must be valued at the lowest of the values assigned on the basis of soil type

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB39 COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPERATION** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) Regarding community school operator contracts, the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools, and performance metrics for blended learning schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB54 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAMS** (Sen. Edna Brown, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require school districts to allow approved summer food service program sponsors to use school facilities to provide food service for summer intervention services under certain conditions

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB72 PREVAILING WAGE LAW** (Sen. Matt Huffman) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB79 STATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW SCHEDULE** (Sen. Kris Jordan) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet, and to require that Auditor of State performance audits be scheduled to coincide with the periodic review

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB82 SCHOOL ABSENCES-PARENTAL NOTIFICATION** (Sen. Sandra Williams, Sen. Peggy Lehner) To require a public school to place a telephone call within one hour of the start of the school day to a parent whose child is absent without legitimate excuse

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB85 OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CREATION** (Sen. Matt Huffman) To eliminate the Educational Choice Scholarship Pilot Program and Pilot Project Scholarship Program and to create the Opportunity Scholarship Program

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB88 SUBDIVISION COMMISSIONS-FISCAL EMERGENCY** (Sen. Louis Terhar) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision

**STATUS: Passed by Senate, Vote 33-0**

**SB97 REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION** (Sen. Frank LaRose, Sen. Kenny Yuko) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB104 PROHIBIT SECLUSION USE-SCHOOLS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB105 MONTH DESIGNATION-OHIO PRINCIPALS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To designate the month of October as "Ohio Principals Month"

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB111 SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS** (Sen. Charleta Tavares) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate

the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB123 PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS** (Sen. William Coley) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located

**STATUS: Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**SB124 COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY GRANTS** (Sen. Sandra Williams) To qualify students in noncredit community college and career and technical programs for Ohio College Opportunity Grants and to require the awarding of academic credit for community colleges' career certification programs

**STATUS: Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee**

**SB133 STUDENT DISCIPLINE-VIOLENT BEHAVIOR** (Sen. Frank LaRose) To require the Education Management Information System to include information regarding persons at whom a student's violent behavior that resulted in discipline was directed and to require the Department of Education to submit a one-time report to the General Assembly regarding that information

**STATUS: Senate Education Committee**

**SB140 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS** (Sen. Joe Schiavoni) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation

**STATUS: Senate Finance Committee**

**SB149 ELECTION POLLING PLACES-SCHOOLS** (Sen. Frank LaRose) Regarding the use of a school district building as a polling place for elections

**STATUS: Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee**

**SB151 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS** (Sen. Cliff Hite) To permit, rather than require, the School Employees Retirement System to grant annual cost-of-living adjustments to retirement, disability, and survivor benefit recipients and to reduce the maximum amount of the adjustment

**STATUS: Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions Committee**

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